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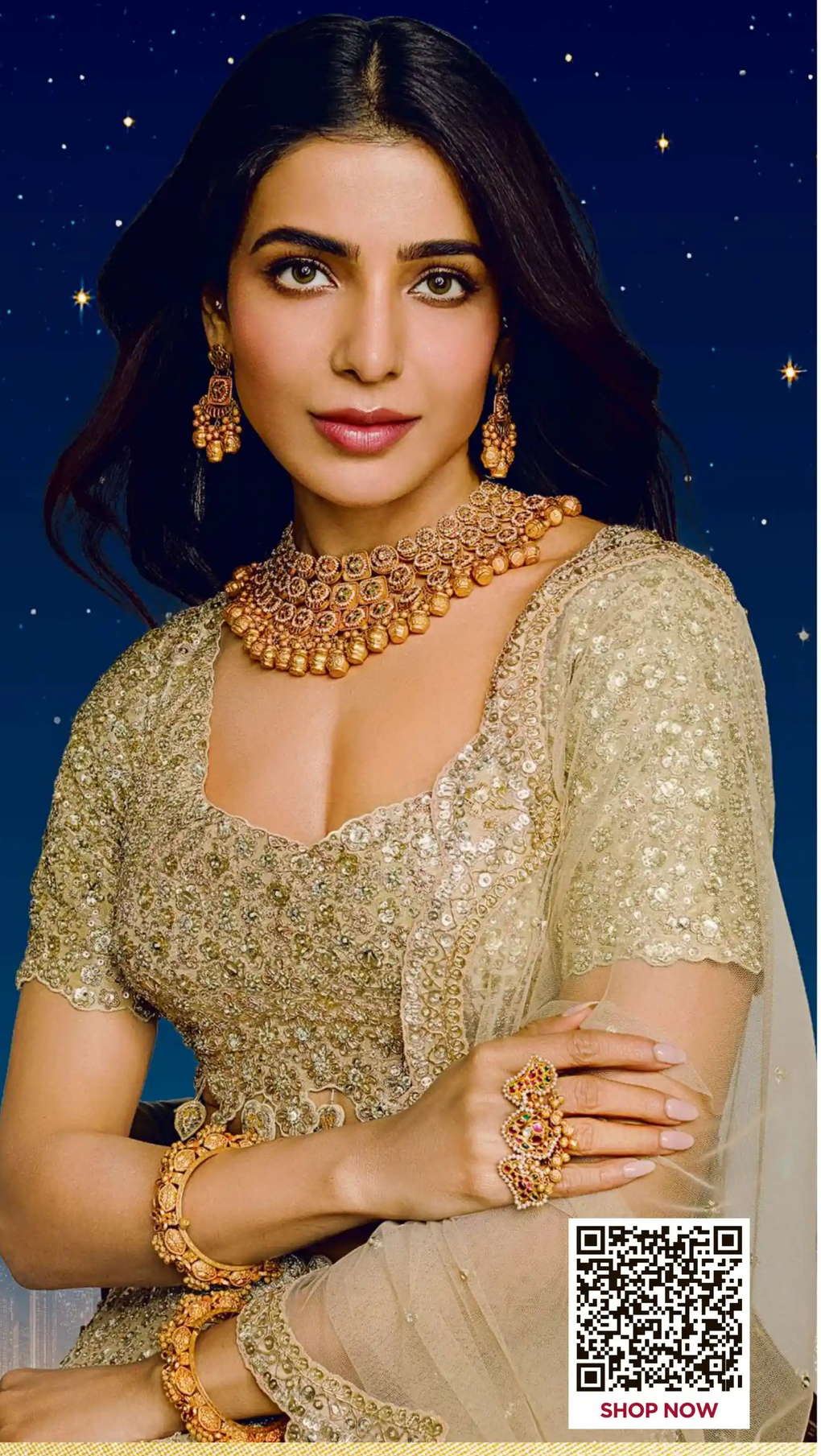

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President Murmu calls for peace, reconciliation in Manipur

GUWAHATI, DHNS: President Droupadi Murmu concluded her two-day visit to conflict-hit Manipur on Friday, urging all communities to support ongoing efforts for peace, understanding and reconciliation.

"Manipur's strength lies in its diversity — its culture, languages and traditions. The hills and the valley have always complemented each other, like two sides of the same beautiful land. All communities should continue supporting the efforts for peace, understanding and reconciliation," Murmu said at an event in Senapati, a Naga-majority district.

Murmu met a group of displaced persons belonging to the Maram community, a Naga tribe, and inaugurated several development projects in the district. On Friday, the President interacted with a group of displaced Meiteis in Imphal.

The President, however, did not visit any Kuki-dominated area despite a plea from the Kuki Zo Council, the apex body of Kuki-Zo communities engaged in talks to resolve the Meitei-Kuki conflict. Since May 2023, the violence has claimed more than 260 lives and displaced over 60,000 people.

Manipur has remained under the President's Rule since February this year.

"The dignity, security and growth opportunities for tribal communities of Manipur and their greater participation in the country's progress are a national priority. The Centre government is working closely with local leaders and communities to ensure that development is inclusive and sustainable," Murmu said.

BJP summons Manipur MLAs to Delhi for Dec 14 meeting

GUWAHATI, DHNS: The BJP central leadership has called its MLAs from conflict-torn Manipur to New Delhi for a discussion on Sunday, possibly about the formation of a new government in the state.

Former chief minister and senior BJP leader N Biren Singh on Friday told reporters in Imphal: "The central leadership has called all MLAs of the party to New Delhi. The meeting could be about the formation of the government, as there is no agenda mentioned."

BJP sources said that the party MLAs had been asked to attend a meeting in the party's national headquarters at 4 pm on December 14.

The development comes amid President Droupadi Murmu's two-day visit to Manipur. Murmu attended events in Meitei-dominated Imphal and in Senapati, a Naga-dominated district.

Manipur has remained under President's Rule since February this year.

President's Rule was imposed after Biren Singh was asked to resign amid a conflict between the Meitei and Kuki communities that began in May 2023.

Mamata Banerjee's Bhabanipur sees fourfold voter deletions

Nearly 45k names removed under special revision

West Bengal Chief Minister takes part in a protest rally against the SIR of electoral rolls in the state. PTI FILE

KOLKATA, PTI

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Bhabanipur constituency recorded one of the highest voter deletions in West Bengal, logging nearly four times more removals than Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari's Nandigram, according to constituency-wise data released by the Election Commission (EC) on Friday.

The EC released the figures a day after the deadline for submitting enumeration forms under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls.

Data showed that Bhabanipur in South Kolkata, widely regarded as Banerjee's pocket-borough, recorded 44,787 deletions from the 1,61,509 voters listed in January 2025, while Nandigram, the crucible of the anti-land acquisition movement that propelled the currently-ruling TMC to power in 2011 and a stronghold of Adhikari, saw 10,599 deletions from 2,78,212 voters.

The commission classified the deletions under standard categories such as deaths, relocation, untraceable addresses, and duplicate entries. Officials maintained the process followed uniform criteria statewide.

Despite the political attention on Bhabanipur, it was not the constituency with the highest number of deletions.

Among the state's 294 Assembly constituencies, the highest number of deletions occurred in North Kolkata's Chowringhee, represented by TMC MLA Nayana Bandyopadhyay: It saw 74,553 voters struck off the rolls.

Kolkata Port, represented by senior minister and Mayor Firhad Hakim, logged 63,730 deletions. The three-time MLA had won the seat by around 70,000 votes.

In Tollygunge, held by minister Aroop Biswas, 35,309 names were removed. The four-time MLA retained the seat in 2021 by about 50,000 votes.

In constituencies held by key BJP legislators, deletion numbers were higher than Nandigram but lower than Kolkata Port.

Asansol South, represented by Agnimitra Paul, recorded 39,202 deletions. Paul won the seat by barely 4,000 votes, making it one of the BJP's closest-fought victories in the 2021 Assembly elections.

Siliguri, represented by Shankar Ghosh, reported 31,181 deletions. Ghosh, a former CPM leader who switched to the BJP ahead of the 2021 polls, captured the seat by a margin of over 35,000 votes.

District-level data showed South 24 Parganas logged the highest volume of deletions at 8,16,047. The district is considered a bastion of TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, who won the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha seat by over 7 lakh votes in 2024.

The lowest was in Kotulpur in Bankura, which reported 5,678 deletions.

NUMBER-SPEAK

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80L voters in TN could be deleted from draft rolls

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

As many as 80 lakh voters could be deleted from the Draft Electoral Rolls in Tamil Nadu, which will be released on December 19 at the end of the enumeration phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters list.

Sources told *DH* that of the 80 lakh, over 27 lakh are reported to be dead, while 40 lakh people have shifted their residences permanently, and 4 lakh are not to be found. Another 4 lakh voters have double entries.

"When the draft electoral rolls are released on December 19, the state is likely to have 80 lakh voters less. But much of the 40 lakh people are likely to enrol as fresh voters from their current address before February, when the final rolls will be released. We have to wait for the draft rolls to get the exact figure of deletions," a source said.

Currently, the state has about 6.41 crore voters. Sources said since there is about 45 days' time between the release of the draft voters list to the publication of the final electoral rolls, they expect lakhs of people to file appeals or enrol as fresh voters.

They added that the explanation will be provided to each voter on why their name was deleted from the draft list, which will help them file an appeal against the deletion.

The Chief Electoral Office (CEO) said all 6.41 crore forms have been collected back and digitised as of December 11. BLOs will now begin the process of preparing the draft electoral rolls, which will be released on December 19.

Draft emigration law risks discrimination: CPM

NEW DELHI, DHNS: CPM Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas on Friday wrote to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar urging him to omit a provision in a draft Bill that restricts emigration to any country on security and sovereignty grounds, arguing that it could lead to differential treatment of citizens.

The draft Bill seeks to repeal the Emigration Act 1983.

Objecting to Clause 12 of the draft Overseas Mobility (Facilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2025, he said it grants broad discretion to the executive to classify "certain category or categories of Indian citizens" and impose special procedures or restrictions on their emigration to any country or group of countries on grounds of "security, sovereignty and integrity" of India, "general public interest," or "protection of emigrants".

While appreciating the intention to modernise the migration governance framework, Brittas argued that Clause 12 raises "Constitutional issues and may create scope for arbitrariness" by enabling segregation and differential treatment "without clear statutory safeguards, objective criteria, or proportionality requirements".

20-yr RI for six in Kerala actor assault case

Verdict is unsatisfactory, says prosecutor

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,DHNS

All six men found guilty in the 2017 Kerala actor abduction and gang-rape case were sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment on Friday.

Actor Dileep and three others had earlier been acquitted by the court on December 8. The detailed verdict, expected to be released soon, will provide the grounds for Dileep's acquittal.

Delivering the judgment, Ernakulam Principal Sessions Judge Honey M Varghese cautioned the media and lawyers against distorted reporting of court proceedings, warning that such misrepresentation, which maligns the judicial system, could invite action. The court also expressed displeasure over critical opinions on the verdict before the final order was issued.

The court said that public debates surrounding the case did not influence its verdict. However, it noted that the comparatively young age of those convicted and the circumstances of their families were taken into consideration.

The court directed a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the survivor, and ordered that the memory card containing video evidence of the crime be kept in safe custody.

2017 RAPE CASE

- Actor was abducted and sexually assaulted in a moving car in Kochi in 2017
- Actor Dileep acquitted on Dec 8; detailed verdict awaited
- Court notes convicts' young age, but stresses the case involved a woman's trauma and dignity
- Prosecution sought life term, but the court awarded 20-year jail

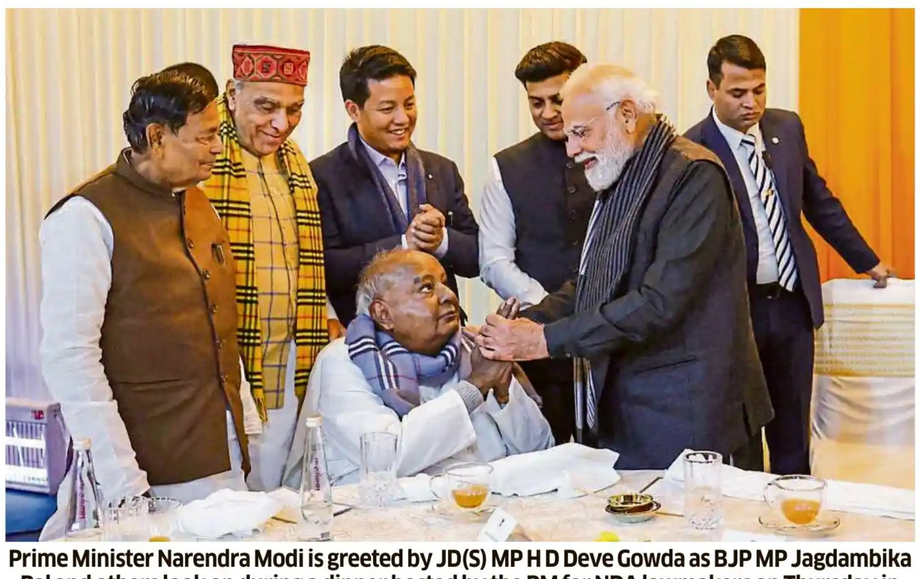
'Sends wrong message'

Special prosecutor Ajakumar expressed disappointment over the sentencing. "Though we sought the maximum punishment of life imprisonment, only the minimum was awarded. The verdict is unsatisfactory and it sends a wrong message to the society. After reviewing the judgment in detail, I will recommend that the government file an appeal," he said.

The convicts pleaded for leniency, citing the plight of their families as well as the time already spent in judicial custody. The court, however, underscored that the case involved a woman's trauma and dignity.

On February 17, 2017, the actor was sexually assaulted in a moving car in Kochi.

The prosecution alleged that Dileep conspired with the gang to attack the actor after she had informed his then wife, Manju Warrier, about his relationship with another actor, Kavya Madhavan. Dileep and Manju divorced in 2015, following which Dileep married Kavya.


Prime Minister Narendra Modi is greeted by JD(S) MP H D Deve Gowda as BJP MP Jagdambika Pal and others look on during a dinner hosted by the PM for NDA lawmakers on Thursday in New Delhi. PTI

Kothimbir Vadi to Kashmiri Kahwa: Modi hosts NDA MPs

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

In his first dinner with NDA lawmakers in over a decade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday night played host and fielded questions on a range of issues. The dinner for the MPs was held at the prime minister's residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg.

Over 52 tables were arranged, with each seating eight lawmakers along with a Union minister. The PM moved from table to table, interacting with members on various topics. He stayed for longer at one table that had some young MPs from alliance parties.

A lawmaker from the Northeast said that Modi stressed the need to engage with the youth. "He said that we must strive to reach out to the younger generations, and said that China and the US have managed to do that. He told us to remain connected with the people of our constituency." He added that the PM asked them to have frequent interactions with their voters for constant feedback.

During his conversations with MPs, in what was seen as a dig at Rahul Gandhi, Modi said that politics demands persistent commitment. "He said that there are leaders who want to walk away in between, and some who have been thrust into responsibilities they do not prefer. In such cases, the politician does not grow," an MP from Bihar recollected.

On the menu was an all-vegetarian fare which was designed to represent various states. The spread included Marathi Kothimbir Vadi, Gongura Paneer from Andhra, the Kathiawadi Bhindi Sambhariya, as well as Kashmiri Kahwa. The MPs who were part of the dinner said it was called the 'Unity Dinner'.

Seven Maharashtra dists saw over 14k child deaths in 3 years

NAGPUR, DHNS: In what came as a shocking admission, a statement said seven districts of Maharashtra recorded 14,526 child deaths over the past three years.

The details were part of a written reply by the state's Public Health Minister Prakash Abitkar in the Assembly to a question raised by BJP legislator Sneha Dubey, who represents the Vasai seat in the Palghar district, which neighbours Mumbai.

According to government records, the Pune, Mumbai, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Nagpur, Amravati, Akola, and Yavatmal districts collectively reported 14,526 child deaths between 2022-23 and 2024-25.

The figure included infants and children under five admitted to government facilities, as well as cases of severe malnutrition.

The minister also said that 138 infant deaths were recorded in the tribal-dominated Palghar district.

Citing state health department data as of November 2025, Abitkar said 203 children were identified as suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition and 2,666 from Moderate Acute Malnutrition.

The proportion of underweight children was 0.23%, while 1.48% fell in the moderately-underweight category.

The minister said the state government had adopted multiple measures under the Integrated Child Development Services programme to reduce malnutrition.

56 former judges denounce attempt to impeach Justice Swaminathan

NEW DELHI, PTI: Fifty-six former judges on Friday issued a statement denouncing the attempt by the DMK to impeach Madras High Court judge Justice G R Swaminathan, saying it was a "brazen attempt to browbeat judges".

On December 1, Justice Swaminathan held that the Arulmighu Subramania Swamy Temple was duty-bound to light the lamp at the Deepathoon, in addition to the customary lighting near the Uchi Pillaiyar Mandapam.

The single judge bench said that doing so would not encroach upon the rights of the adjacent dargah or the Muslim community.

The order sparked a row, and on December 9, several opposition MPs, led by the DMK, submitted a notice to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to move a motion for the removal of the judge.

The statement said, "This is a brazen attempt to browbeat judges who do not fall in line with the ideological and political expectations of a particular section of society."

The statement said even if the reasons mentioned by the signatory MPs were taken at face value, these were inadequate to justify resorting to such a measure.

"The present move is not an isolated aberration. It fits into a clear and deeply troubling pattern in our recent constitutional history, where sections of the political class have sought to discredit and intimidate the higher judiciary whenever outcomes do not align with their interests," it said.

Time sets the tone at this year's Kochi-Muziris Biennale

RASHMI VASUDEVA
KOCHI, DHNS

Installations at the Aspinwall House, Fort Kochi.

The sixth edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale (KMB) was formally inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Friday in Fort Kochi. The event will run until March 31, 2026, across 22 venues in Fort Kochi, Mattancherry, and Willingdon Island.

Organised by the Kochi Biennale Foundation and curated by artist Nikhil Chopra with Goa-based art collective HH Art Spaces, the biennale returns after organisational controversies, including delays and payment disputes.

This year, the organisers insist that the biennale has been envisioned as a more transparent event, with a clear curatorial structure, wider international participation and community-led projects such as the Students' Biennale, which will run alongside the main festival.

A notable new addition is the Collaterals Programme, which launches on December 14 and features nine institutes showcasing a wide range of practices aligned with the key theme. Highlights include exhibits by well-known abstractionist Shobha Broota, Lilies in the Garden of Tomorrow, a multi-element exhibition by artist Sarah Chandy, and visual artist Lakshmi Madhavan's Looming Bodies on the Kasavu-weaving communities of Kerala.

'For the Time Being', the theme of this edition, frames the biennale around the relationship between embodied experience and artistic practice and its physical environment, said Nikhil Chopra. He added that the theme emphasises Kochi's history as a port city shaped by collaboration and the exchange of goods and ideas, treating the city itself as part of the biennale's "living, breathing ecosystem".

The exhibition features as many as 66 artists from over 25 countries. Several major international projects anchor the exhibition. Marina Abramovi (Serbia) presents a performance lecture, The Past, Present and Future of Performance Art, and exhibits Waterfall (2003) — an 18-metre-wide, multi-channel projection featuring 108 Tibetan monks and nuns in continuous chant — at the Island Warehouse.

Adrián Villar Rojas (Argentina) shows new artworks at the Coir Godown, using obsolete refrigerators as vitrines holding frozen organic matter. Mónica de Miranda (Portugal/Angola) installs Earthship (2025), a rammed-earth, S-shaped garden structure with locally grown plants, imagined as a gathering space for the public.

Among Indian artists, Mandeep Raikhy presents Hallucinations of an Artifact (2023), a performance that imagines alternate lives for the 4,500-year-old 'Dancing Girl' figurine from Mohenjo-Daro.

India tweaks norms for issuance of business visas to Chinese professionals

NEW DELHI, PTI: India has brought in changes in norms to ensure expeditious approval of business visas to Chinese professionals visiting the country for short periods, a move that comes amid efforts by the two sides to rebuild ties that came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh border row.

However, there are no changes in the existing vetting process of all Chinese visa applicants, people familiar with the matter said on Friday.

Chinese professionals coming to India for short periods were earlier issued employment visas or "E" visas with a validity of six months or more.

It has now been decided to grant them business visas which are valid for short periods, the people said.

The changes in the norms will be broadly applicable to visa applicants from all countries, but Chinese nationals are expected to be the main beneficiaries.

All the applications for business visas will be processed within a period of three-four weeks, the people said.

$15-bn blow to electronics

Think tank the Observer Research Foundation estimates the tougher scrutiny led to production losses of $15 billion over four years to Indian electronics makers, which import key machinery from China to make mobile telephones, reports Reuters.

New Delhi's decision is likely to help travel of Chinese experts to India to provide technical support to companies in various sectors using Chinese equipment and machines.

Normalising ties

In the last few months, India and China have initiated a series of measures to normalise their relations after ending the over four-year military face-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh in October last year.

In July, India resumed granting tourist visas for Chinese nationals.

Issuance of visas to Chinese nationals were suspended following the start of military stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh that began in May 2020.

Suspected infiltrator held with rifle in Jammu

JAMMU, PTI: The BSF foiled an alleged infiltration bid along the Indo-Pak border in Jammu district on Friday and arrested a "suspected person" with a modified AK-type rifle and ammunition, police officials said.

The accused — identified as Abdul Khalik — was arrested over alleged suspicious movement near the International Border (IB) in the Pargwal area, they said.

A senior officer said a modified AK rifle, ten rounds, a magazine and a drum magazine were recovered from the accused, a resident of Rajouri. As per unconfirmed reports, he belongs to the Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist outfit.

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Cabinet okays Bill on 100% FDI in insurance

Likely to be introduced in ongoing session; may come with riders

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Union cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday approved the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill 2025, which seeks to deepen insurance penetration and raise the foreign direct investment (FDI) cap in the sector to 100% from the current 74%, sources said.

The Bill, to amend the Insurance Act of 1938, is likely to be introduced in the ongoing winter session of Parliament, which is slated to end on December 19.

A Lok Sabha bulletin has listed the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill 2025 among the key legislative items planned for discussion in the ongoing session. The key objectives of the Bill, according to the Lok Sabha bulletin, are to "deepen penetration, accelerate growth, and promote ease of doing business in the insurance sector".

The changes in the insurance regulations are likely to come into force nearly a year after the announcements were made in this regard by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget presented on February 1, 2025.

The enhanced FDI limit is likely to come with a rider. Such companies will be required to invest the entire premium in India.

"Opening the sector fully to global capital sends a strong signal of confidence in India's insurance market and regulatory maturity," said Narendra Bharindwal, president, Insurance Brokers Association of India.

This reform will enable insurers to access long-term capital, advanced risk-management expertise, global best practices and cutting-edge technology, critical ingredients for expanding insurance coverage, improving product innovation and strengthening claims and service capabilities across the country, he said.

From an insurer's standpoint, according to Bharindwal the enhanced capital availability will support deeper penetration in under-insured and rural markets, facilitate the development of specialised products such as health, catastrophe, cyber and longevity covers, and allow companies to make sustained investments in distribution, digital infrastructure and human capital.

Opening up to boost insurance sector

The Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill 2025 seeks to deepen penetration, accelerate growth and development of the insurance sector

- Presently, FDI limit in insurance is **74%**
- A dedicated policyholder fund will be created
- So far, the insurance sector attracted Rs **82,000 crore** through FDI
- The amendment will ensure the merger of a non-insurance company with an insurance company

OTHER DECISIONS

- MGNREGA becomes Pujya Bapu Gramin Rojgar Yojna
- Govt hikes copra MSP by at least Rs 400 a quintal
- Centre allows coal export of up to 50% of capacity

Key benefits from this policy shift

Increased Capital Inflows: The reform is projected to bring in significant foreign capital, providing the necessary solvency and long-term investment for the growth of life, health, and general insurance segments.

Enhanced Competition and Innovation: A more open market is expected to foster greater competition, leading to innovative products, superior customer service standards, and the adoption of global best practices and technology.

Deepened Insurance Penetration: Greater investment will accelerate efforts to make insurance products accessible to a wider segment of the population, contributing to financial security and economic resilience.

Job Creation: The expansion of the sector will lead to significant job creation in underwriting, sales, claims management, and associated services.

Cabinet okays Bill on pvt role in N-sector

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved a ground-breaking Bill seeking to open up the closely guarded civil nuclear power sector for private players that will have to play a larger role as India eyes 100 GW of nuclear power by 2047. Page 8

Rs 11,700 cr budget for census

Setting the stage for what is described as the world's largest administrative and statistical exercise, the Centre on Friday cleared a budget of Rs 11,718.24 crore for conducting the 2027 Census.
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Single higher education regulator

The Union Cabinet on Friday cleared a legislation that moots the merger of higher education bodies like the University Grants Commission as well as All India Council for Technical Education into one higher education regulator. Page 8

BDA grant for chairman's area amid neglected layouts

Rs 55.65 cr for Shantinagar projects while BDA struggles to develop own layouts

DH SPECIAL

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

In a departure from conventional practice, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has allocated a sum of Rs 55.65 crore to the Shantinagar Assembly constituency, which is represented by N A Haris, who also chairs the authority.

What's more, these works are proposed in layouts that have long been under the custody of Bengaluru's civic body.

Generally, the BDA is expected to use its resources for the formation of new layouts and the development of layouts under its jurisdiction. However, the BDA has proposed works in Shantinagar, a constituency situated in the heart of Bengaluru, which is in a better shape than the city's outskirts.

When contacted by *DH*, Haris said such allocations had been made for other constituencies in the past.

The projects include construction of additional classrooms in the Karnataka Public School at Domlur 1st Stage, a building for the government college in Domlur 2nd Stage, a sports stadium in Jogupalya and a football stadium on a playground in Austin Town.

Each of these four works is estimated to cost about Rs 11 crore to Rs 20 crore. These allocations are likely to cause duplication, as the municipal corporation also sets aside a budget for such works.

"The funds will be used for improving government-run school and a college along with development of playgrounds. Similar allocations have been made for other constituencies in the past too. In fact, the BDA had earned Rs 5 cr just by selling one site in the area. We will raise funds using similar methods.
N A Haris, BDA chairman

Clifton D'Rozario, a lawyer and resident of Austin Town, said the BDA's allocation lacks transparency. "We are all for development but are against the proposal to convert the football ground into a stadium," he said. "...We sincerely request that the BDA abandon this project. Development cannot mean erasing 100 years of history." He added that there is already a football stadium one km away.

Notably, the allocations — approved for 2024–25 — come at a time when the BDA is overwhelmed with complaints about the lack of basic infrastructure in layouts such as Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Layout and Arkavathi Layout.

The BDA is also drawing flak for not offering adequate compensation to landowners for the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project and delaying compensation to land-losers of Shivaram Karanth Layout.

No hope, they said. He is now an engineer

A National Award winner, born with cerebral palsy, narrates his inspiring life story

The SATURDAY STORY

When Ashwin Karthik was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, doctors said he would be nothing more than a vegetable. His parents were shattered. Initially, his mother struggled with thoughts of self harm. But she found strength and put him through school. She read up about the condition and found him the best neurosurgeon in the country.

In this week's Saturday Story, Karthik describes how he battled his way through engineering college, with help from a scribe who became his best friend. His initiation into the corporate world was unpleasant but he refused to feel defeated by the lack of empathy. Now 41, he has been a software engineer for 18 years. He says what holds back individuals like himself is not an absence of talent but a lack of opportunities.

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Zubeen Garg death: Four charged with murder

GUWAHATI, DHNS: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing cultural icon Zubeen Garg's death case have charged four accused of murder in its chargesheets but refused to reveal the motive behind the crime.

Zubeen Garg

The SIT, headed by Munna Prasad Gupta, a special DG in Assam CID, filed the chargesheets before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kamrup (Metro), in Guwahati on Friday.

The four, Zubeen's manager Siddharth Sharma, organiser of Northeast India Festival in Singapore, Shyamkanu Mahanta, two bandmates: Shekhar Jyoti Goswami and Amritprabha Mahanta have been charged under section 103 (murder) and section 106 of BNS (causing death by negligence). **Page 8**

IndiGo row: DGCA sacks 4 flight operations inspectors

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has sacked four flight operations inspectors (FOIs) over disruptions in IndiGo operations that led to a number of flight cancellations.

The four FOIs were engaged on contract basis. The order said they were relieved from DGCA with immediate effect and asked to join their respective parent organisations.

FOIs ensure aviation safety by inspecting, auditing and certifying airlines and personnel, such as pilots, dispatchers and cabin crew, to meet strict regulatory standards, verifying various regulations and overseeing training, flight standards and accident prevention measures in India.

Separately, IndiGo said it would operate 2,050 flights by the end of the day, as against 1,950 flights with just four cancellations due to unfavourable weather on Thursday. Over 200 flights were cancelled for the day.

Officials said IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers and COO Isidre Porqueras appeared before the DGCA's investigation panel on Friday.

In Rajya Sabha, AAP MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney requested the government to soon bring back the airline safety regulations, which were relaxed for IndiGo.

"We cannot compromise with safety. So, this safety regulation should be brought back, maybe in a month," he said.

IndiGo hires expert for probe

IndiGo's board on Friday announced the appointment of an external aviation expert to carry out a root-cause analysis of recent flight disruptions. Page 15

FIFA 2026

Jaw-dropping ticket rates leave fans fuming

BENGALURU, DHNS

The MetLife Stadium, New Jersey, US, where the FIFA World Cup final is scheduled to be held.

COSTLY FOOTBALL FIESTA

- FIFA 2026 is being hosted by the US, Canada and Mexico
- FIFA allocates 8% of tickets to national associations

Final match ticket price: Rs 3.9L-Rs 7.9L range

Planning to watch the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the Americas? Be prepared to bust your savings because the ticket prices for the quadrennial bash are by no means affordable for the common people.

In a list published by the German football federation (DFB) on Thursday, prices for various group-stage games ranged from $180-$700. That's approximately between Rs 16,000 and Rs 64,000.

Although the base price is way more than the Qatar 2022 edition — tickets were priced between $70 and $1,600 when they were announced — what sent fan groups across the world irate was the exorbitant cost of the final.

The lowest price for the title clash at the MetLife Stadium on July 19 was a jaw-dropping $4,185 and the highest an astronomical $8,680. That's between Rs 3.9 lakh and Rs 7.86 lakh approximately.

No wonder, fan organisation Football Supporters Europe (FSE) called it a "monumental betrayal" by FIFA and asked the world governing body to immediately halt ticket sales via national associations.

"This is a monumental betrayal of the tradition of the World Cup, ignoring the contribution of supporters to the spectacle it is," it said in a statement.

"We call on FIFA to immediately halt ticket sales, engage in a consultation with all impacted parties, and review ticket prices and category distribution until a solution that respects the tradition, universality, and cultural significance of the World Cup is found."

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THE BENGALURU PARADOX

Plans aplenty but results few

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

Continuous replanning stalls critical transport projects, leaving junctions clogged and metro phases delayed. Citizens pay a high price, and for no fault of theirs

Crossing the Suranjandas Road Junction on Old Madras Road can be a test of patience, with signals switching from green to red just as motorists barely begin to move. At times, the traffic queue stretches up to 10 kilometres on both sides, broken only by multiple signals between Ulsoor and KR Puram.

The situation is unlikely to improve in the near term.

Reason: Every time the government in Karnataka changed hands, the plans to address traffic congestion changed with it.

In September 2018, the then Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara — who also held the Bengaluru Development portfolio — laid the foundation stone for a Rs 45-crore underpass at this junction, with a mandate to complete the work within 18 months. The funds allocated to the project were diverted, leaving the project in name only.

Subsequently, the HD Kumaraswamy-led government proposed an East-West elevated corridor via the Suranjandas road junction. While the erstwhile BBMP had prepared a detailed project report (DPR) and conducted soil tests, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar opted for a fresh DPR, designing a 29-km elevated corridor between Yeshwanthpur and Tin Factory at an estimated budget of Rs 3,898 crore.

Between 2018 and 2025, the solution for the Suranjandas Road junction on Old Madras Road was revised three times, and the latest proposal is still far from beginning groundwork, let alone nearing completion.

For a city that prides itself on being India's technology capital, Bengaluru's approach to infrastructure has increasingly resembled a software project stuck in permanent beta. The result is familiar: the city repeatedly discards one set of technical studies only to commission another, thereby delaying execution as congestion worsens.

And this is not the story of just the Suranjandas Road Junction.

The politics behind projects

Infrastructure projects that were on the verge of implementation went into cold storage whenever the state government changed. Whether it was a flyover plan at Audugodi Junction on Hosur Road, an elevated rotary in Maruti Sevanagar, or the integrated flyovers between Sarakki Junction and Ittamadu on the Outer Ring Road, continuity in planning has never been a hallmark of Bengaluru's mobility design.

In the first detailed exercise of its kind, the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) spent two years preparing a Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for Bengaluru that was released in 2020. The blueprint — prepared during BS Yediyurappa's chief ministerial tenure and built on travel surveys, transport modelling, and detailed project prioritisation — remained largely unused during Basavaraj Bommai's tenure. It began to deviate from its structured roadmap after the Congress-led government came to power.

The CMP was not a superficial document. It incorporated mobility datasets, including cordon counts, household travel surveys, bus and rail passenger studies, parking and pedestrian audits, and a complete four-stage travel demand model projecting the city's needs through 2051.

The plan laid out a 317-km Metro network, a full-fledged suburban rail system, 974 km of developed footpaths, elevated road corridors, multimodal hubs, congestion pricing, and governance reforms centred on a Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA). It even categorised the work into phases: short-term (2020-22), medium-term (2023-27) and long-term (2028-35).

A view of Sarakki Junction in Bengaluru, where the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike had proposed a flyover under the existing metro viaduct to ease traffic.
DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

Metro's feasibility studies

FIVE EXTENSIONS
- Madavara - Tumakuru: **56.9** km
- Challaghatta - Bidadi: **15** km
- Silk Institute - Harohalli: **24** km
- Bommasandra - Attibele: **11** km
- Kadabagere - Taverekere village: **6** km

THREE NEW LINES
- KR Puram-Hoskote: **16.3** km
- Doddajala - Devanahalli: **10** km
- Kalena Agrahara-Kadugodi Tree Park: **68** km

IN COLD STORAGE
- Inner Ring Road metro: **34** km (Yes)
- Vellara Junction-Whitefield via Old Airport Road: **16** km

Road proposals and funds

- Feasibility study (for decongesting Bengaluru's traffic) by New Delhi-based Altinok Consulting Engineering Pvt Ltd: **Rs 4.5 Cr**
- DPR for North - South tunnel road: **Rs 9.45 Cr**
- DPR for East - West tunnel road: **Rs 9.89 Cr**
- DPR for 2.2-km tunnel (beneath the Hebbal flyover): **Cost unknown**
- DPR for 12 flyovers, such as Konanakunte cross, Minerva Circle to Hudson circle, Sirsi Circle to Nayandahalli, Bagaluru main road, Old Madras road etc.: **Cost unknown**

Instead of moving forward, the city has, over the last two and a half years, returned to the familiar cycle of fresh feasibility studies, new DPRs, and revised corridor proposals, as if nothing had been planned earlier. From new Metro alignments to tunnel road proposals, these new exercises show little reference to the CMP's sequencing or its modelling outcomes.

Reinventing the wheel

After Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar took charge, there was no shortage of announcements. He first spent Rs 4.5 crore on a private consultant to prepare an infrastructure plan to decongest the city. The agency recommended two tunnel roads (North-South and East-West) and a mix of thirteen short, medium, and long flyovers. Stating that a long tunnel would take longer, the government then proposed a short tunnel beneath Hebbal Junction.

What's more, the erstwhile BBMP spent a total of about Rs 50 crore just conducting DPRs for both tunnel roads as well as the flyovers. While it engaged the same agency to prepare DPRs for three tunnel road projects, it hired three different agencies to prepare DPRs for the flyovers, repeating work for which DPRs already existed.

What's more, Namma Metro — which also comes under the purview of the deputy chief minister — was no different.

Although the Centre approved Metro Phase III (JP Nagar-Kempapura and Magadi Road) in August last year, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. did not issue tenders for the civil works. Reason: the state government made a last-minute decision to redesign the project to accommodate a Metro-cum-road corridor.

As a result, critical works, such as environmental impact assessment, land acquisition, and utility relocation, have been delayed, likely delaying the project by at least two years.

In addition, construction on the ongoing airport line, especially between KR Puram and Hebbal, slowed significantly, yet there was little emphasis on resolving the issues causing the delay. The Phase III-A project, connecting Hebbal and Sarjapur, is also expected to face delays, with the government planning an underground tunnel road along the same corridor.

While on-ground work was left to fend for itself, Namma Metro's enthusiasm for commissioning feasibility studies never slowed, attracting criticism from activists. Consultants were hired to study Metro extensions to Harohalli on Kanakapura Road, Bidadi on Mysore Road, Tumkur, Devanahalli, Hoskote and other locations. Together, these studies cost more than Rs 50 crore. A significant share of these assignments was awarded to a single firm, Aarvee Associates Architects, Engineers & Consultants Pvt. Ltd, raising eyebrows.

Satya Arikutharam, an independent mobility consultant, was of the view that the government wasted its time on projects that have been trashed worldwide. "The feasibility study and the tunnel road DPR were filled with errors. When citizens exposed mistakes in the feasibility study, which was a cut-and-paste job, the BBMP quietly removed it from the website," he said, adding that the government should have focused on implementing the CMP 2020.

He also believes the government has jeopardised two Metro projects (Phase III and Phase III-A) by planning double-decker and tunnel road corridors along the same alignment.

Blueprints without roadmaps

Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao, who previously led Namma Metro, insisted that the conceptualisation and obtaining requisite approvals take time. "There are no quick fixes. The deputy chief minister's approach has always been to pursue long-term projects, regardless of the pressure. We will never be able to get immediate improvements," he said.

He noted that Metro Phase III was delayed primarily due to financing arrangements. "Unlike other funding agencies, JICA does not allow floating of tenders without completing all formalities. Now, BMRCL is ready to float tenders, and the loan will start getting disbursed next year," he said, adding that redesigning the project was not the sole reason for the delay.

RK Misra, a mobility expert, felt that the deputy chief minister deserves credit for transforming governance through the formation of the Greater Bengaluru Authority and Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Ltd, expediting the Ejipura and Hebbal flyover works, and bringing the peripheral ring road back to life. However, he added that the government did not move quickly enough on many traffic issues.

"Now we have a parastatal body, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE), which can execute projects faster. However, it still lacks surveyors for land acquisition, a critical component of the project lifecycle. If that is not fixed, we will have projects that are tendered and then forgotten," he said.

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METRO

Poll roll revision camp today

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru North City Corporation will hold a special camp for the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls 2025 on Saturday.

The camp will be organised at all polling stations under the seven Assembly constituencies of the Bengaluru North City Corporation — KR Puram, Mahalakshmi Layout, Malleswaram, Hebbal, Pulakeshinagar, Sarvagnanagar, and CV Raman Nagar.

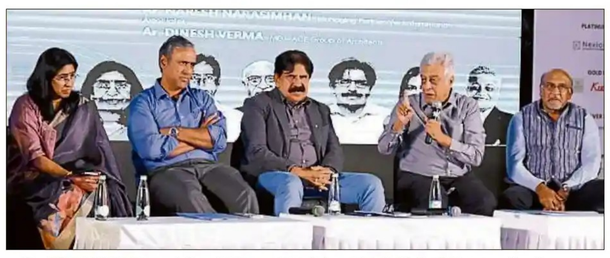
"To expedite the process of mapping the 2025 voters to the 2002 electoral roll records, this special camp will be held simultaneously at all polling stations," the corporation said in a statement.

At each polling station, the mobile numbers of polling station officers will be displayed for public access, enabling citizens to contact them directly and facilitate the voter-mapping process, the press release said.

Designuru 5.0: Experts outline 20-year roadmap to fix city's infrastructure crisis

Proposes metro hubs, micro-cities, and open spaces

BENGALURU, DHNS



(L-R) FKCCI President Uma Reddy, GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Bangalore Business Corridor President LK Atheeq, Venkataramana Associate Managing Partner Naresh Narasimhan, and ACE Group of Architects Managing Director Dinesh Verma at the panel discussion on Friday.
DH PHOTO/KISHOR KUMAR BOLAR

A panel discussion titled 'Bengaluru Infra-Woe to Wow!', organised by BCIC and IIID BRC as part of Designuru 5.0 on Friday, examined the city's persistent civic-engagement challenges and offered community-centric, design-led solutions.

Architect Naresh Narasimhan criticised the failure of earlier single-window and app-based grievance systems, noting that citizens still lack a clear point of contact for basic civic issues.

He proposed converting unused ground-floor spaces in Namma Metro stations into public service hubs — offering citizens easy, face-to-face access for complaints, neighbourhood governance, and engagement.

With over 120 stations, he said this could finally create the civic interface Bengaluru has long lacked.

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao spoke of a "growing crisis of trust" due to delayed and under-delivered projects.

Bengaluru, he said, urgently needs transparency, sustained communication, and structured avenues for professional volunteerism. Reclaiming lakes, walkways, parks, and local streets as shared public assets is vital as the population is set to double. Mobility, clean lakes, accessible public spaces, and responsible waste management, he stressed, are "necessities, not luxuries".

Bengaluru Business Corridor Chairman LK Atheeq proposed restructuring the city into a network of vibrant, walkable micro-cities, each with its own public square, community spaces, and convenient metro access.

Creating small "piazzas" or one-acre gathering spaces, he said, would help rebuild local identity and enliven neighbourhood culture. Opening existing public assets, like parks, playgrounds, and community zones, to citizens is essential to this shift.

MoU signed

During the event, BCIC and the Indian Institute of Interior Designers, Bangalore Regional Centre, also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Experts chart roadmap for India's digital security and sovereignty

BENGALURU, DHNS

A high-level roundtable on digital security and national sovereignty brought together national security leaders, industry experts, and global policymakers on Friday.

Organised by the Synergia Foundation, the discussion highlighted how conflicts, critical infrastructure disruptions, and growing dependence on digital systems have created an urgent need for a unified national framework to secure India's digital ecosystem.

Opening the session, Tobby Simon, founder and president of Synergia Foundation, noted that increasingly transactional global relationships and spiralling conflicts are reshaping geopolitical realities.

Key themes included the need for digital sovereignty, investment in cryptology, the encryption–decryption dilemma, blurred civil–military boundaries, and supply chain vulnerabilities.

Lt Gen MU Nair cited global cases — from the MV Dalli incident to disruptions in Portugal, India, and the US — to show how deeply digital systems underpin daily life.

Warning of an emerging 'Digital Cold War' between the US and China, he called for clarity on the scope of digital security, protection of public information, and cooperative global frameworks.

The event featured four sessions: Setting the Context: Digital Security 2030, Challenges of the Digital Domain, Tech-Induced Challenges and National Security Implications, and Digital Security–Future Scenario.

Rear Admiral T Ajit emphasised that data is now "the new crude oil", pointing to the transformative role of generative AI and the need for strong national data systems and export mechanisms via iDEX.

Anne Neuberger, former US Deputy NSA for Cyber Security and Emerging Tech, highlighted the asymmetric nature of digital threats, citing ransomware attacks on hospitals and the weaponisation of telecom infrastructure by state adversaries.

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PV Quiz Championship: Bengaluru zonal round on Dec 15

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru zonal round of the Prajavani Quiz Championship will be held on December 15.

The venue is RV Auditorium, RV Teachers College, RV Road, Jayanagar 2nd Block.

Only students of classes 7 to 10 can participate.

Any number of teams can participate from one school, but there must be at least two members in a team.

Entry is free for all. Spot registrations begin at 9 am.

For more information, call 7338018541 between noon and 5 pm.

Fans celebrate Rajinikanth's 75th birthday with citywide events

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

Fans celebrate superstar Rajinikanth's 75th birthday at his childhood school in Gavipuram, with students cutting cake at an event organised by the Karnataka State Rajinikanth Seva Samithi on Friday. DH PHOTO

Superstar Rajinikanth's 75th birthday filled Bengaluru with celebration and fanfare across the city.

Each fan association marked what they called a festival in its own way, revisiting *Padayappa* and organising cake cutting, temple visits and sponsoring meals at orphanages.

Velu, one of Rajinikanth's prominent fans in the city, said: "We arranged a wedding-like lunch with 22 items for 2,000 people. A 20-kg cake was cut."

The association also visited the Kere Muneshwara Temple with Rajinikanth's cutouts to seek blessings for his good health and long life.

Fans offered 75 coconuts to commemorate the actor's 75th birthday.

The actor visited Art of Living on Kanakapura Road with his family to seek the blessings of Sri Sri Sri Ravishankar Guruji.

The Karnataka State Rajinikanth Seva Samithi celebrated the birthday with students of Gavipuram Government School, where Rajinikanth studied.

Fans distributed books and bags to the children and cut a cake with them.

The Karnataka State Rajinikanth Fans Association visited Balaji Theatre at 6 am to watch one of his major box office hits, *Padayappa*.

Rajini Santhosh, state president of the association, told *DH*: "The cinema hall was full. More than 200 team members and 700 fans watched the movie. We also distributed sweets to more than 1,000 people after the movie."

The association sponsored breakfast for over 300 people at an old age home and orphanage.

Rajini Vijay, another fan, said: "We have also organised meals for over 100 children at a local orphanage in Jeevan Bima Nagar."

Govt withdraws heritage tag for Cantonment woods

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government has withdrawn the biodiversity heritage tag for the 8.61-acre wooded area near the Cantonment railway station.

In a notification dated December 6, the Forest, Ecology and Environment Department said the government was withdrawing the September 9 notification, which conferred the tag, "with immediate effect".

The withdrawal has come as a surprise for some in the conservation circle. However, sources in the department noted that the decision has several legal issues unless the government was ready to compensate for the land.

While Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 allows the government to declare heritage sites and frame guidelines to manage them, Section 37(3) places the onus on the government to provide compensation when such a site belongs to affected parties.

The Karnataka Biodiversity Board recommended the tag following popular demand by activists to save 371 trees. It was feared that many of the trees would be felled for a development project being taken up as part of measures to boost the non-fare revenue of the suburban rail project.

The state government, which notified the decision, had to either provide hundreds of crores of rupees as compensation to the railways or withdraw the notification, allowing the development to proceed.

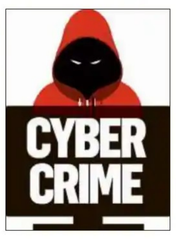
Woman falls for bogus WFH offer, loses Rs 19 lakh

Police book unidentified suspects

BENGALURU, DHNS

Police have booked unidentified suspects who cheated a woman of Rs 19 lakh by offering a fake work-from-home offer from Flipkart.

The 44-year-old Indiranagar resident, who trusted the accused since they claimed to represent Flipkart, said she first received an offer on November 4 to work from home.



"The offer appeared genuine as it included Flipkart's name, logo, and professional-looking documents," the woman alleged.

"The fraudsters contacted me through Telegram and later sent me a link, nexus-v6oyage.net, to create an account in my name. After that, they sent another WhatsApp link to join the group. Three other members were added to the group. The product link would be sent. To boost the product, we needed to review and rate the product, and we would earn commissions by completing it," she added.

She was asked to send Rs 3,000 as deposit to begin the reviewing task with the assurance that the deposit would be returned along with the commission. The woman was convinced after noticing that other members of the WhatsApp group frequently shared screenshots of their earnings.

Until November 22, the woman had wired a total of Rs 19.15 lakh for completing tasks at various levels. When she sought her share of the earnings, the scamsters asked her for a further Rs 11 lakh payment to release it. After waiting for a few days, the woman approached the police.

"I am having sleepless nights for the past three weeks. I now realise that I have been a victim of organised cybercrime impersonating a reputed company. I request you to kindly register my complaint and initiate an investigation to trace these offenders," the woman was quoted as saying in the FIR.

Police said the case was registered on December 4 and a probe has been launched.

Man electrocuted while rescuing parrot

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 33-year-old man was electrocuted while attempting to rescue a parrot perched on a high-tension electric pole inside a private apartment complex in Girinagar on Friday.

Arun Kumar

The incident triggered alarm among residents, who demanded urgent action to address the dangers posed by high-capacity power lines running through the premises. Bescom officials inspected the site.

The deceased, Arun Kumar (33), ran a logo embossing business and lived in Veerabhadranagar. He was from Nagamangala and was visiting his cousin at Vasundhara Krithika Apartments when the incident occurred.

Around 9.45 am, the blue-and-yellow macaw — valued at nearly Rs 2 lakh — escaped and landed on the high-tension pole. Arun tried to retrieve the bird using a stick tied to an iron pipe and climbed the compound wall to get closer.

The parrot perched on a high-tension electric pole.

He accidentally touched a 66kV line, received a severe electric shock, and fell.

Bescom officials said the line, belonging to Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), has been in place for years between two apartment blocks. "The apartment is old and we do not know how the line is there. Probably, the line was laid earlier, and the apartment developers have neglected the dangers," a senior Bescom official said.

Arun was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead. The body was sent to KIMS Hospital for post-mortem. Based on a complaint by his cousin Likitha, Girinagar police registered a case of unnatural death.

Ignored pleas, risked it

Family members had warned Arun not to approach the high-tension line and suggested calling fire and emergency services instead. Despite repeated pleas, he made three attempts to rescue the bird.

The parrot was finally rescued after eight hours, once the KPTCL temporarily disconnected the power.

Trafficking trend

Sharath Babu R, wildlife consultant, told DH: "Macaws have become a trend in India's illegal and grey pet markets. They are openly traded on Instagram, WhatsApp groups, and through unregulated breeders, making them nearly impossible to track.

"The high demand is driving more trafficking, more smuggling-related deaths, and putting already threatened wild populations at even greater risk. Customs officials do intercept them at airports whenever detected, because possessing or trading macaws is illegal in India."

Police clamp down on loud music ahead of New Year's Eve

BENGALURU, DHNS: City police have directed pubs and restaurants to prevent music from spilling onto streets, as they believe this is crucial for managing crowds during New Year's Eve celebrations.

A senior police officer told *DH* that when music spills onto the streets, passersby stop, gather and dance, causing crowd stagnation on already congested roads.

"In the celebratory mood, it becomes difficult to control the crowd," the officer said. "Loud music adds to the charm of the celebrations. This is why owners and managers need to understand the necessity of regulating sound — not because of the rules, but because of social consciousness and the need to keep swelling crowds under check."

The officer said pubs and bars must understand the reason for sound control.

"It is not just about following the decibel limit or facing penal action. They have a social responsibility, too, because they must realise how their act impacts crowd movement and jeopardises safety," he added.

Police teams are inspecting pubs, restaurants, event venues and rooftop spaces for safety measures, including fire exits, crowd capacity, lighting, emergency backup power, sound insulation and licence compliance.

The officer said the focus is on sensitising venue managers, not just enforcing rules. "We are trying to make them understand why these precautions matter. If, despite repeated instructions, someone fails to comply, then penal action will follow — that is a legal issue," he said.

Key helicopter controls stolen from aviation company in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS: Vital helicopter equipment was reported missing from the hangar of a Bengaluru-based helicopter management company, police said.

The theft was discovered on December 1 during a scheduled check by Venkatesh Sethu, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer at Chipsan Aviation Indocopters Pvt Ltd in Nallurhalli, Whitefield.

A collective control stick, rudder pedal blocks and cyclic control stick, belonging to Smart Wings Aviation Pvt Ltd, were stolen from the storeroom, the complaint stated.

Sethu said the parts were unlikely to have gone missing during official work and were probably stolen. He suspected an inside job, as no unknown persons had entered the premises.

The company sought urgent police action to trace the stolen components and identify the culprits. Authorities said losing such crucial controls is a serious concern for aircraft operation and aviation security.

Whitefield police have registered a case of theft and launched an investigation.

A senior police officer said there were no CCTV cameras near the storeroom, making the probe difficult. "We are analysing technical evidence to identify and trace the culprits. The equipment is valued at Rs 1 lakh," the officer said.

Spoken Kannada classes

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kannada Prasaara Parishat has started online spoken Kannada classes in two batches.

The Basic Spoken Kannada Class Batch-1, which began on November 2, will conclude in the second week of January. The classes are held on Fridays (7.30 pm to 9 pm) and Sundays (10.30 am to noon).

Batch-2, which began on November 4, will end in the second week of January. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (7.30 pm to 9 pm).

Each batch will have 30 hours of classes spread over 20 sessions. Both batches will continue only if at least 20 participants register. If enough participants register, level-2 classes will be launched.

For details, contact BV Raghavan at 9448878569, according to a news release.

Bescom worker arrested for Rs 6.5L robbery using toy gun

BENGALURU, DHNS: A Bescom contract worker has been arrested for allegedly robbing two finance company employees of Rs 6.5 lakh using a fake gun in broad daylight.

The suspect is 36-year-old Narayanamurthy, a resident of Horamavu. Two of his accomplices are on the run.

A police officer said Yogesh and Ramalinga, employees of a finance firm based in Mysuru, had come to Bengaluru to collect gold and cash from clients. The firm releases gold pledged from banks and buys it from customers.

Narayanamurthy allegedly contacted the duo, claiming he wanted to hand over 69 grams of gold pledged in a bank and asked them to come near the branch.

On December 10, as soon as the staff reached the place, Narayanamurthy and two of his accomplices arrived on a two-wheeler. They threatened the employees at gunpoint, later found to be a toy gun, and snatched a bag containing Rs 2.5 lakh from Ramalinga. When Yogesh raised an alarm, the gang assaulted him and took another Rs 4 lakh before fleeing.

Yogesh managed to call the police helpline 112, following which the Hennur police arrested Narayanamurthy from his home.

Police have recovered Rs 4 lakh from him and are attempting to trace the two other suspects.

Bizman hit by airgun pellet, sustains minor injuries

BENGALURU, DHNS: A businessman sustained minor injuries after being hit on the neck by pellets, suspected to have been fired from an airgun in South Bengaluru, officials said.

The victim's pellet injuries.

The injured is 57-year-old D Rajagopal, who owns bars and restaurants in Basavanagudi.

The incident occurred on December 10 near the Krishna Rao Park in Basavanagudi between 8 and 8.30 pm.

Police sources said Rajagopal was walking a relative when he heard a shot and felt pain behind his left ear, above his neck.

Rajagopal filed a complaint. An FIR was registered under sections related to the Arms Act and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). He received treatment at hospital.

Basavanagudi police have launched an investigation to verify whether Rajagopal was attacked and if the pellet came from an airgun.

Rajagopal stated in his complaint that, several years ago, he had been involved in two quarrels with individuals over land disputes.

Further investigation is underway.

High court disposes of PIL on freezing bank accounts in cybercrime cases

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka High Court on Thursday disposed of a PIL seeking directions to prevent authorities from freezing bank accounts without prior verification that the account holder is involved in a cybercrime.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha took note of the union government's submission that a draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on cybercrime is already being circulated to stakeholders.

The PIL, filed by Bengaluru resident Pavan Vijay Sharma, also sought uniform guidelines for issuing freeze orders, debit restrictions, and lien markings in cybercrime cases across the state. The petitioner's counsel argued that a show-cause notice should be mandatory before freezing an account.

The Chief Justice, however, observed that cybercrime recovery requires immediate action.

"The first hour is the golden hour. Authorities cannot be expected to issue show-cause notices. "If a credit card is misused and money is transferred, you have to freeze the account. Look at the plight of people, especially senior citizens, who lose their life savings," he said.

Deputy Solicitor General Shanthi Bhushan H, appearing for the union government, submitted a draft SOP for the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP), outlining procedures for fraud reporting, fund custody, restoration, and grievance redressal.

He noted that issuing show-cause notices could delay and even jeopardise recovery of stolen funds.

'Bloom with a Purpose': NGO launches garden fair to empower persons with disability

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Association of People with Disabilities (APD) on Thursday launched its annual 10-day garden fair 'Bloom with a Purpose' at the APD Horticulture Training Centre, LIC Colony, Jeevan Bima Nagar.

The fair, from December 12 to 21, features ornamental and indoor plants, cacti, palms, fruit plants and medicinal herbs.

The event showcased plants and achievements of trainees under the association's horticulture programme.

The programme empowers people with mental and physical disabilities. Trainees underwent three months of horticulture therapy combined with skills training for employment.

Government schoolchildren at the garden fair. PHOTO: APD

Trainees came from across the state and have disabilities, including spinal cord injuries and underdeveloped limbs, and special needs such as Down syndrome. Many are wheelchair-bound.

Organisers said over 4,500 youths from rural and urban areas have benefitted.

Lakshman Reddy, a trainee, said, "People trained here find career opportunities such as garden specialists and supervisors."

Visitors can buy tools, seeds, saplings and eco-friendly products, including coco peat and manure. A special section features exotic orchid varieties. Proceeds from the event will fund training and empowerment programmes for persons with disabilities.

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Governor yet to approve HDMC bifurcation: Govt

BELAGAVI, DHNS: The bifurcation of the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) is awaiting Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's approval, the government informed the Legislative Assembly on Friday.

The government has decided to create two new civic bodies - Dharwad Municipal Corporation and Hubballi Municipal Corporation.

"A preliminary notification was issued on January 21, 2025, seeking public objections and suggestions. A report on the objections and suggestions received, along with a report by the Dharwad deputy commissioner, has been submitted to the governor, whose approval is anticipated," Urban Development and Town Planning Minister B S Suresha (Byrathi) said.

The minister was replying to a question by Hubli-Dharwad (East) Congress MLA Abbayya Prasad.

"For a civic body to become a city corporation, the population should be more than three lakh. Here, it is 11-12 lakh. It's been seven months since the proposal was sent to the Governor. We haven't received his clearance," Suresha said.

He urged BJP leaders to join an all-party delegation to meet the governor and seek his approval.

Devanahalli denotification won't affect A&D Park project: MBP

Defence corridor in Belagavi, Dharwad & Vijayapura

BELAGAVI, DHNS

The state government's decision to drop acquisition of 1,777 acres in Devanahalli due to farmers' protests will not be a setback to the Aerospace & Defence (A&D) Park project there, Industries Minister M B Patil told the Assembly on Friday.

Patil was replying to a question by Deputy Leader of the Opposition Arvind Bellad, who said that the government should relocate the A&D Park to somewhere between Belagavi and Hubballi-Dharwad.

Farmers from 13 villages in the Channarayapatna hobli, Devanahalli taluk, protested for 1,195 days against the acquisition of 1,777 acres of their lands before the government gave in.

"As a special case, we've dropped the acquisition of 1,777 acres and it'll continue as a permanent agricultural zone. Just because one parcel of land had to be dropped (from acquisition) doesn't mean it's a setback to the entire A&D Park. Demand in this region is growing, so we will have it there," Patil said.

Industries Minister M B Patil makes a statement in the Legislative Assembly at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Friday.

There is a "natural ecosystem" for the aerospace and defence sectors in Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural (Now North), Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts, the minister added.

"The ecosystem is growing especially in Belagavi. For this, we must congratulate (entrepreneur) Aravind Melligeri whose Aequs, a private special economic zone, is catering to the likes of Boeing, Airbus and Lockheed Martin," Patil said.

The minister acknowledged the lack of an industrial corridor in Belagavi. "At a roadshow in Pune, I was asked to provide industrial space in Belagavi. But we have no space. We have now identified a piece of land for an industrial park," Patil said.

People are moving to Maharashtra because of this, Patil said. "Yes, there's Kanagala at the border, but locally in Belagavi, there's no land. But the proposed industrial park should materialise," he said.

Patil also said the Belagavi-Hubballi belt will benefit from the Bengaluru-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (BMIC), which will have 3,000 acres for aerospace and defence industries, including vendors and component manufacturers.

The government has also pitched for a defence corridor in Belagavi, Dharwad and Vijayapura. "The CM has met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on this. You [BJP] can also follow-up," he added.

IMD forecasts a sharp decline in night temperatures over the coming week

BENGALURU, DHNS

The state is bracing for a significant escalation in the winter chill, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts a sharp decline in night temperatures over the coming week, likely pushing the mercury to near record lows for the season.

Bengaluru has already witnessed a noticeable dip in minimum temperatures, with the city station recording a minimum of 15.6 degrees Celsius on Thursday morning, slightly below the normal for this time of year. The maximum temperature stood at 27.6 degrees Celsius. However, IMD officials warn that the true chill is yet to set in.

According to the IMD, the minimum temperature is expected to fluctuate between 12 degrees Celsius and 14 degrees Celsius through the coming week. This anticipated range is well below the long-term December average of 16.4 degrees Celsius, potentially marking the coldest December phase the city has seen in recent years.

The climatic shift is being attributed to stable atmospheric conditions conducive to radiational cooling. An IMD official explained that the current weather is a result of a combination of dry air, clear skies, and the strengthening of northeasterly winds. These winds are known to carry cold, dry air towards the south, displacing warmer masses and intensifying the night time chill and early morning fog.

The weather pattern extends beyond the state capital. Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) and IMD reports indicate a statewide dry spell. The latest state forecast, as of Thursday, states that dry weather is likely to prevail over all districts of coastal Karnataka, north interior Karnataka, and south interior Karnataka for the next seven days.

The persisting dry, cool conditions suggest residents, especially morning walkers and early commuters, should take necessary precautions against the intense winter phase, which is now settling firmly over the state.

Youth dies after being hit by car linked to Cong leader H M Revanna's son

Ex-minister refutes allegations that his son was driving car at time of accident

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 27-year-old youth died instantly in a road accident that occurred late Thursday night near the Gudemaranahalli toll gate in Magadi taluk, Bengaluru South district.

The accident involved a car owned by R Shashank, son of former minister and Chairman of the Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee H M Revanna.

The officer close to the investigation said that the accident took place around 11 pm. The deceased Rajesh (27), a resident of Belagumba village in Magadi taluk. Rajesh, who worked for a private company in Bengaluru, was returning home on his scooter after work when the car (Registration No: KA 51 MQ 0555), travelling from Magadi towards Bengaluru, crashed into his bike. Rajesh sustained severe injuries from the impact and died on the spot.

There are conflicting accounts regarding who was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. According to the allegations made by Rajesh's family members and locals, R Shashank was driving the car during the incident.

However, former Minister H M Revanna has denied these allegations. Responding to the media on Friday, he stated, "My son was not driving the car when the accident occurred. The driver was behind the wheel."

The Kuduru police have seized the car registered in R Shashank's name. A case of an accident has been registered at the Kuduru police station, and an investigation is underway to determine the identity of the driver.

Police sources indicate that CCTV footage is being reviewed, and a case has been registered under the BNS 106(1) – Causing death by negligence against the driver in connection with the incident.

Kuduru police have seized the Toyota Fortuner car, owned by former minister Revanna's son R Shashank, that was involved in an accident in Magadi taluk, late Thursday night.

'Fix deadline for enforcement of 60% Kannada signage'

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Members of the Legislative Council, cutting across party lines, on Friday demanded that the state government should fix a deadline for enforcement of Compulsory Kannada signboards in Bengaluru and also sought strict action against those who violate it.

Posing a question to Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Congress MLC Umashree raised concerns over several establishments in Bengaluru not sticking to the rule.

She said that following the 2024 amendment to the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Act, all shops and commercial establishments were required to ensure 60% of their signboards were in Kannada. "The rule has not been implemented effectively," she added. Umashree stated that some parts of Bengaluru had become foreign countries. "The attitude of the people is different in some parts of Bengaluru and they behave like they are living in a different country. The government must set a deadline to enforce the law," she added.

In his reply, Tangadagi said, "Enforcement is already underway and we will set a deadline of 15 days to one month. Action will be initiated if shops and establishments fail to comply with," he said.

Two arrested for raping 10-year-old girl

HIRIYUR (CHITRADURGA DISTRICT), DHNS: The Hiriyur Rural police have arrested two persons for allegedly raping a 10-year-old girl repeatedly at a village in Hiriyur taluk.

The suspects, aged 40 and 24, have been booked under Pocso Act.

According to a complaint lodged by the survivor's mother, the duo raped her minor daughter, a class 4 student at the government school in her village, repeatedly for the past one year. They threatened her with dire consequences if she revealed it to anyone.

The incident came to light after the victim informed her teacher about the ordeal.

The teacher in turn informed her parents, it is said.

SPARSE ATTENDANCE

The Treasury bench wears a deserted look during the winter session of Legislative Assembly at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, in Belagavi on Friday. DH PHOTO/RANJU P

2.6k cases of child marriages reported in state till October this year, says Hebbalkar

324 cases reported in Bengaluru city in the past three years

BELAGAVI, DHNS

Worrying numbers

YEAR	Reported Cases	Marriages Stopped
2023	2,601	1,775
2024	3,127	2,323
2025*	2,623	2,059
Total	8,351	6,157

*till October

Notwithstanding the promulgation of harsher laws and the many campaigns launched by the state government to raise awareness about the issue, a shocking 2,623 cases of child marriage had been reported across Karnataka in 2025 (till October), with cases being reported even in Bengaluru.

Sharing this distressing data with the Assembly, Woman and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar added that 8,351 cases of child marriage had been reported in the state in the past three years.

"Unfortunately, of these 8,351 reported cases, the authorities were unable to stop 2,170 weddings from taking place. But more than 6,150 weddings were stopped, and 2,170 FIRs registered," the minister stated in her written reply to a question raised by BJP MLC Umanath Kotiyan.

One of the more revealing nuggets in the data shared by the minister was that Bengaluru city had reported 324 cases of child marriage from 2023 till October 2025.

NAGASIMHA G RAO
Activist

"Should these officers stumble upon instances of child marriage, they should take it upon themselves to stop them instead of waiting for the police.

Child rights activists said that prevention of child marriage was next to impossible without the support of the local community. "Community participation is most important. The public must be made aware that being witness to a child marriage is also a crime," said activist Nagasimha G Rao, attributing the rise in infant mortality and maternal mortality rates to the failure to stop weddings involving children.

Rao emphasised the need for Child Marriage Prevention Officers to be active, besides stressing the need for continuous training. "Should these officers stumble upon instances of child marriage, they should take it upon themselves to stop them instead of waiting for the police," he said.

Another activist Gopinath sought the inclusion of lessons on the evils of child marriage in the moral science curriculum for schoolchildren. "It should be introduced this academic year itself," he said.

'Amendments planned'

In one of her replies, Laxmi Hebbalkar said that the government was planning on bringing in amendments to punish people for planning child marriages and engaging a child with an adult for marriage. "Engaging a child or planning a child marriage is not considered a criminal offence under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. So, we will be bringing an amendment to deem such acts criminal offences," she said.

HC quashes criminal proceedings against 8 GP officers

BENGALURU, DHNS: The High Court has quashed Lokayukta police proceedings against eight secretaries/panchayat development officers (PDOs), who were exonerated in the disciplinary proceedings.

"It is trite that in a departmental enquiry, probabilities will be preponderant and in a criminal trial, the charge will have to be proved beyond all reasonable doubt. Therefore, if an employee could not be found guilty on preponderance of probability, he can hardly be found guilty in a criminal trial, which requires proof beyond all reasonable doubt," Justice M Nagaprasanna said while allowing the petitions filed by B M Mahadevappa and others.

In September 2014, the state government had directed the Lokayukta to conduct an investigation into misappropriation and irregularities in the procurement of kits and name boards under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. In 2022, the Lokayukta police filed a chargesheet against 72 persons, including the petitioners.

The petitioners contended that while the Lokayukta probe was underway, disciplinary proceedings too were instituted against them on the same set of facts.

They stated that in 2018, the inquiry officer exonerated them. Subsequently, in March 2023, the state government withdrew all proceedings and investigations by the Lokayukta, which was earlier ordered in 2014.

The petitioners claimed that while on one hand the disciplinary proceedings exonerated them and on the other, the order entrusting the investigation itself had been withdrawn.

Justice Nagaprasanna noted the Apex Court judgments in the P S Raja and Ashoo Surendranath Tiwari cases. The top court has clearly delineated that, if allegations in the departmental inquiry could not be proved on merit and the person is held to be innocent, criminal prosecution on the said facts cannot be permitted to be continued on the underlying principle of a criminal trial needing a higher standard of proof.

"If the elucidation of law by the Apex Court is pitted to the facts obtaining in the case at hand, the unmistakable inference that could be drawn is obliteration of the criminal proceedings on twin circumstances, of the petitioners getting exonerated in the departmental enquiry and the foundation itself being withdrawn by the State. In that light, I deem it appropriate to obliterate the proceedings against the petitioners, failing which, it would become an abuse of the process of law and result in miscarriage of Justice," the court said.

Misappropriation of funds in RDPR Department, alleges Cong MLC

BELAGAVI, DHNS: The discussion took an embarrassing turn for the Congress during 'Question Hour' in the Council when a nominated member of the ruling party on Friday alleged that funds to the tune of Rs 500 crore had been misappropriated in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in the past 10 years.

Congress MLC F H Jakkappanavar pointed out that every Gram Panchayat (GP) was mandated to earmark funds for the welfare of Scheduled Castes under the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act. "But in the past 10 years, not a single Gram Sabha has been convened for the SCs, resulting in the diversion of Rs 50 crore every year," said Jakkappanavar. BJP MLCs urged Chairman Basavaraj Horatti to give more time to Jakkappanavar so he could disclose more information. However, Horatti assured the BJP of earmarking half-an-hour to discuss the issue next week.

No fresh probe against retired staff unless rules permit: HC

Allows a plea filed by ex-CEO of co-op bank

BENGALURU, DHNS

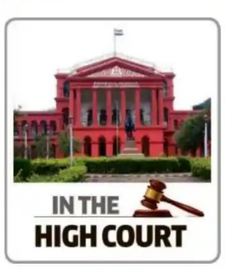
The High Court has said that a de novo enquiry (fresh inquiry) against a retired employee is impermissible in law unless the service rules permit.

Justice M Nagaprasanna said this while allowing the petition filed by a retired chief executive officer (CEO) of a co-operative bank.

The petitioner, Bahubali, a resident of Yellapur, Uttara Kannada district, was appointed as the chief executive officer of the Vikas Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd in 1997. In 2018, after rendering about 21 years of service, his services were terminated by the bank's board owing to certain omissions and commissions.

The allegations included insubordination, disclosing the secrecy of customers, quarrelling and causing disturbance to others during working hours and violation of banking rules.

Bahubali challenged this before the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, who upheld the termination. Bahubali filed an appeal.



In 2023, the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal set aside the dismissal order on the grounds that there had been a gross violation of principles of natural justice. However, the tribunal, while setting aside the order, directed that the bank is at liberty to conduct an inquiry in accordance with law and the service rules.

Challenging this portion of the order of the tribunal permitting a de novo enquiry, the petitioner argued that he had retired from service in May 2020 on attaining the age of superannuation.

He contended that the regulations or even the law do not permit holding of a de novo enquiry against an employee after his retirement.

Justice Nagaprasanna cited the Apex Court order in the Anant R Kulkarni case and said the top court held that a de novo enquiry against a retired employee is impermissible in law unless the service rules so permit.

The court said that the bank's service rules nowhere indicate the right of the employer to continue the inquiry or hold a de novo enquiry against an employee who has retired on attaining the age of superannuation.

"The service rules, as noted hereinabove, on their perusal, do not indicate any liberty reserved to the employer to hold a de novo enquiry or any kind of enquiry against a retired employee. If no enquiry can be held against a retired employee, the Tribunal ought not to have reserved liberty to the respondent number 3 (bank) to hold a de novo enquiry. That portion of the order admittedly is contrary to law," the court said.

Jaw-dropping ticket prices leave football fans fuming

FIFA, From Page 1

FIFA allocates 8% of tickets to national associations for games involving their team to sell to the most loyal fans. The English Football Association shared pricing information with the England Supporters Travel Club (ESTC) on Thursday evening, which showed that if a fan bought a ticket for every game through to the final it would cost over $7,000 (Rs 6,33,000 approx.).

FIFA said in September that tickets released through its website would initially range from $60 for group-stage matches to $6,730 (Rs 6,09,000 approx.) for the final. But those prices are subject to change as it adopts dynamic pricing for the first time at the World Cup.

FIFA launched its third phase of widespread ticket sales on Thursday, with fans now able to apply for specific matches for the first time through its "Random Selection Draw". The window closes on Jan 13, 2026.

The World Cup will be held in the United States, Mexico and Canada from June 11 to July 19.

(With inputs from agencies)

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

7th Annual Guru Vandana Programme: By Anantanugraha Music School; musical offering by disciples of Parameshwara Hegde Bhatkal, vocal recital by Srinivasa Bhagwat; Indirakrishna Vidyashale-IKV; from 8.30 am onwards.

'Joy of Learning' Children's Festival: Devappa V, Hari Marar, Brijesh to attend; Government High School, Chennahalli; 10 am onwards.

Public awareness and deliberation on 'River Diversion Projects in the Western Ghats: Bedti-Aghanashini Tears': Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Ullas Karanth, Ananth Hegde Ashisar, Ashok Harnalli, TV Ramachandra to attend; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan; 2.30 pm onwards.

CULTURAL

Oonjal Music Festival: Manasa Jayaraj Kulkarni, Krishnamurthy, Abhijith to perform; Venkateshwara Swamy Temple (TTD); 6 pm.

Yaksha Bhava Sangama: Yakshagana performances; 'Bheeshma Parva' (by Devidas) and 'Subhadra Kalyana' (by Hattiyangadi Ram Bhat); artists Kondadakuli Ramachandra Hegde, Totimane Ganapati Hegde and others; Ravindra Kalakshetra; 10 pm.

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◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

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TEMPERATURES

Maximum	27.7°C
Minimum	15.0°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	43%
Sunset (Dec 13)	5:54 pm
Sunrise (Dec 14)	6:32 am
Moonrise	00:12 am
Moonset	12:37 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

Essential works in Tumakuru to affect Bengaluru trains

BENGALURU, DHNS

Essential engineering works between Tumakuru and Mallasandra will affect the following trains:

Trains 16239 Chikkamagaluru-Yeshwantpur Daily Express, 16240 Yeshwantpur-Chikkamagaluru Daily Express, and 12614 KSR Bengaluru–Mysuru Daily Express will be cancelled on December 17 and 24.

Train number 66567 KSR Bengaluru-Tumakuru MEMU will terminate at Dodbele instead of Tumakuru on December 17, 20, 21 and 24.

Train number 66572 Tumakuru–KSR Bengaluru MEMU will originate from Dodbele instead of Tumakuru on December 17, 20 and 24.

Train number 20652 Talguppa–KSR Bengaluru Express will terminate at Arsikere instead of KSR Bengaluru on December 17, 21 and 24.

Train number 12725 KSR Bengaluru–Dharwad Express will originate from Arsikere instead of KSR Bengaluru on December 17, 20, 21 and 24.

Train number 12726 Dharwad–KSR Bengaluru Express will terminate at Arsikere instead of KSR Bengaluru on December 17 and 24.

Train number 66571 KSR Bengaluru–Tumakuru MEMU will terminate at Dodbele instead of Tumakuru on December 17 and 24.

Train number 66568 Tumakuru–KSR Bengaluru MEMU will originate from Dodbele instead of Tumakuru on December 17 and 24.

Train number 56281 Chamarajanagar–Tumakuru Passenger will terminate at Chikkabanavara instead of Tumakuru on December 17 and 24, according to the press release.

Train stoppages at Nelamangala, Chikkabanavara

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Solapur–Hassan Daily Express (train number 11311/11312) will have a stoppage at Nelamangala for six more months.

Train number 11311 will arrive at Nelamangala at 7.39 am and depart at 7.40 am from December 16 to June 15.

Train number 11312 will arrive at Nelamangala at 5.59 pm and depart at 6.01 pm from December 17 to June 16.

Similarly, the railways has extended the experimental stoppage of train number 16579/16580 (Yeshwantpur–Shivamogga Town–Yeshwantpur Intercity Daily Express) at Chikkabanavara until March 31.

Vocal concert today

BENGALURU, DHNS: Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira will present a vocal concert by Ashwini Satish with Karthik Koushik (violin), Anoor Vinod Shyam (mridanga), and KM Likhith (morching) at 5.30 pm on Saturday at 9th Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage.

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Pre Bid- Meeting Date :- 22/12/2025 at 11.00 AM
Date of opening of Tenders :- 03/01/2026 at 03.00 PM

Sr. No.	Tender No/	Name of Work	Total Project Cost incl. GST, Royalty and Testing Charges (Rs.)	Tender Amount (Exluding GST, Royalty, Testing Charges)	GST (18%) RS	Royalty Rs	Material Testing Charges Rs	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) 0.50%	Security Deposit (5%)	Time Limit in Calendar Months Including Mansoon	Defect Liability Period	Cost of Tender Document RS.	All the documents are attched to online tender	Tender Type	Contact Persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Pmc/Chief Eng. (Project)/2025/52	Construction of grade separators at Mundhwa Keshavnagar and Mahatma Phule Chowk on Kharadi Bypass Road in Pune	158,63,26,918/-	1333911561/-	240104081/-	8008891/-	4302385/-	66,69,600/-	6,66,95,600/-	24 months	20 Years	59179/-	YES	New Tender	Pawan Mapari (Deputy Engineer) 9689937454 SMr. Sambhaji Kavathe (Junior Engineer) 9322266934

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भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, दुमका।
ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट अल्पकालीन नोटिस
टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नं0 – **34/2025-26/EE/BCD/DUMKA,** दिनांक– **12.12.2025**

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू0 में)	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र क मुल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	**Proposed Construction of District Bar Council Building at Dumka, Jharkhand.**	**4,80,69,100/-**	**Rs.9,61,500/-**	**Rs.10,000/-**	11 माह

1. वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि/समय :– 19–12–2025 के 11:00 बजे
2. बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय :– 09–01–2026 के 11:00 बजे
3. निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, दुमका।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि/समय एवं स्थान :– 10–01–2026 के 11:30 बजे
   नोडल पदाधिकारी, ई0 – प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, भवन निर्माण विभाग,लाईन टैंक रोड, राँची।
5. प्रोक्योरमन्ट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या :– 8210084525
6. ई – प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या :– 6200213814
7. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय हागी।
8. सूचना प्रोद्योगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के आदेश ज्ञापांक–120 दिनांक–03.10.2023 के द्वारा निर्गत SOP (मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया) एवं भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के पत्रांक–2229 दिनांक–06.10.2023 के आलोक में निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, SOP के तहत अग्रधन की राशि उसी खाते में वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बन्द कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सम्पूर्ण जवाबदेही निविदादाता की होगी।
10. अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के बदलाव की सूचना http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR 368406 Building(25-26)D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, दुमका।

LAND REQUIRED

A reputed Bengaluru based developer is looking for (Purchase or Joint Development) **land parcels between 20,000 sq ft to 1 Acre** in good locality in and around Bengaluru for residential development.
Land should have clear marketable title, free from Kharab/ Naala / Lake Bed/HT Lines etc. and should have proper approach/access road of minimum 30 ft wide.
Brokers kindly excuse.
Please contact : **92068 66244**
Email : **bengaluru.land@gmail.com**

S. E. RAILWAY – CORRIGENDUM

CORRIGENDUM against **Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2025/42, Dated: 21.11.2025** published earlier by Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043. Please read **Tender Closing date** as **31.12.2025** instead of 11.12.2025 against **Tender No.: 29251002A**. **N.B:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in the tender & any corrigendum published thereafter. **(PR-942/C)**

झारखण्ड सरकार
गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग
(आपदा प्रबंधन प्रभाग)
टी.ए. डिवीजन बिल्डिंग, गोलचक्कर के नजदीक, धुर्वा, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन–834004,
फोन नं.–0651–2400218, ई–मेल– disasteroffice-jhr@jharkhandmail.gov.in

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–04/2025
पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
Mitigation Project for Lightning Safety (MPLS) के झारखण्ड राज्य में क्रियान्वयन हेतु Technical Agency के चयन हेतु ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1	कार्य का नाम	Mitigation Project for Lightning Safety (MPLS) के झारखण्ड राज्य में क्रियान्वयन हेतु Technical Agency के चयन के संबंध में
2	ई–निविदा का बेवसाईट पर प्रकाशन की तिथि	12.12.2025
3	ई–निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	06.01.2026, अपराह्न 02:00 बजे तक
4	ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	आपदा प्रबंधन प्रभाग, टी.ए. डिवीजन बिल्डिंग, गोलचक्कर के नजदीक, धुर्वा, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन–834004, कार्यालय दूरभाष संख्या–0651–2400218 ई–मेल disasteroffice-jhr@jharkhandmail.gov.in

PR 368420 (Disaster Management) 25-26 (D)

संयुक्त सचिव
गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग,
(आपदा प्रबंधन प्रभाग),
झारखण्ड, राँची।

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA (AIIA)
(An Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India)
Gautampuri, Sarita Vihar, Mathura Road, New Delhi - 110076 E-mail: director@aiia.gov.in

Advt. No. AIIA/Rectt/03/2025

The Institute invites applications in the prescribed format for the following Faculty posts, to be filled on Direct Recruitment/Deputation basis at AIIA, New Delhi, and its Satellite Centre at AIIA, Goa.

S.No	Posts	No. of Posts/ Category	Pay Scale	Mode of Recruitment
	FOR AIIA, NEW DELHI CAMPUS			
1	**PROFESSOR**			
	Dravyaguna	1 (UR)	Level-14A (Academic)	Deputation failing which by Direct Recruitment
	Rog Nidan & Vikriti Vigyan	1 (UR)		
	Swasthavritta	1 (OBC)		
	Translational Research	1 (SC)		
	Prasuti Tantra & Stri Rog	1 (OBC)		
2	**ADDITIONAL PROFESSOR**			
	Panchakarma	1 (UR)	Level-13A2 (Academic)	Deputation failing which by Direct Recruitment
	Striroga and Prasuti Tantra	1 (SC)		
	Kaumarbhritya*	1 (UR)		
	Ras Shashtra & Bhaisajya Kalpana*	1 (OBC)		
	Ayurveda Samhita Siddhant*	1 (UR)		
	Shalya Tantra*	1 (UR)		
3	**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**			
	Kriya Sharir	1 (UR)	Level-13A1 (Academic)	Deputation failing which by Direct Recruitment
	Research Methodology	1 (UR)		
	Striroga and Prasuti Tantra	1 (EWS)		
4	**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**			
	Dravyaguna	1 (UR)	Level-12 (Academic)	Direct Recruitment
	Ayurveda Samhita Siddhant	1 (ST)		
	Shalakya Tantra	1 (OBC), 1 (SC)		
	Rog Nidan & Vikriti Vigyan	1 (UR)		
	Kayachikitsa	1 (UR), 1 (OBC)		
	Panchakarma	1 (OBC)		
	Shalya Tantra	1 (EWS)		
	Kaumarbhritya	1 (UR)		
	Assistant Professor cum Medical Specialist (General Medicine)	1 (UR)		Direct Recruitment failing which by Deputation
	FOR AIIA, GOA CAMPUS			
5	**PROFESSOR**			
	Rachana Sharir	1 (OBC)	Level-14A (Academic)	Deputation failing which by Direct Recruitment
	Kriya Sharir	1 (UR)		
	Agad Tantra & Vidhi Vaidyaka	1 (SC)		
	Dravyaguna	1 (OBC)		
	Kaumarbhritya	1 (EWS)		
	Panchakarma	1 (UR)		
	Rog Nidan & Vikriti Vigyan	1 (UR)		
	Shalakya Tantra	1 (ST)		
	Swasthavritta	1 (UR)		
6	**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**			
	Shalya Tantra	1 (OBC)	Level-13A1 (Academic)	Deputation failing which by Direct Recruitment
	Ayurveda Samhita Siddhant	1 (OBC)		
	Swasthavritta	1 (SC)		
	Kriya Sharir	1 (UR)		
7	**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**			
	Striroga and Prasuti Tantra	1 (UR)	Level-12 (Academic)	Direct Recruitment

*Anticipated vacancy

For details of qualification, experience, prescribed format of application, and terms & conditions, please visit AIIA's website **https://aiia.gov.in.** Last date of receipt of applications will be 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News.

CBC 17219/12/0004/2526

Director

SBI
Regional Business Office-02 BANASWADI,
No. 253, 4th Floor, Dolphin Mansion, Hennur Road
Opposite Hennur Bus Depot, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043
Phone: 080-25944208 /25944212

SHIFTING OF MANYATA EMBASSY BUSINESS PARK BRANCH (CODE NO.13175)

We are pleased to announce the shifting of our **Manyata Embassy Business Park Branch (13175)** to a more convenient and spacious location with effect from 15.02.2026 due to the demolition of present premises building.
The new address is: **Indira Ojas, Ground floor, No.146/8, Nagavara to Thanisandra Main Road, opposite to proposed new Nagavara Metro station, Bengaluru-560077**
Our Telephone numbers are **9392169972/9945163175**
We look forward to serving you better from the new location.

Sd/-
Regional Manager
Regional Business Office-02
Banaswadi, Bengaluru

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 13.12.2025

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: SBC-GSU-ENGG-2025-06 Dated: 24.12.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Bangalore Cantonment: Proposed yard arrangements at Bangalore Cantonment for rectification of defective yard layout - Shifting of points and crossings in Bengaluru Cantt. (BNC) yard and proposed construction of drain for a length of 800m.	Rs. 1,90,78 546.20

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 24.12.2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer/Gati Shakti Bengaluru
PUB/733/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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IREL (India) Limited
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Rare Earths Division, Kochi, Kerala
email : purchase-red@irel.co.in CIN : U15100MH1950GOI008187
An ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 & ISO 45001:2018 Company

TENDER NOTICE

IREL (India) Limited, Rare Earths Division, Udyogamandal, invites tender for the following item/job description :

Item/Job Description	Availability of Tender in GeM Portal
Procurement of Soda Ash	13.12.2025

For details visit the following websites :
gem.gov.in, www.irel.co.in/tender-information, https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp
Any corrigendum / extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only.

CBC 48145/12/0008/2526

Sd/-
GM & Head, RED

STATE BANK OF INDIA
JAYANAGAR 3RD BLOCK BRANCH
13, 9th Main, 3rd Block,
Bengaluru 560011

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

The below mentioned borrower have failed to repay the loan and redeem the gold ornaments within the stipulated time in spite of several reminders. The Gold Ornaments pledged under the said loan account will be sold in public at Branch premises on **20/12/2025 at 12:00 pm.** Those willing to participate are requested to contact the branch. The bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason whatsoever. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/legal heir. The borrower is hereby notified to pay the up to date interest and keeping charges before the date of auction, failing which the pledged gold ornaments will be sold and balances due will be recovered.

Branch Name
SBI Jayanagar 3rd Block 40012
Borrower Name & Account number
Maruti Nayak XXXXXXX9006
Balance
Rs 50,922/- (excluding expenses & Charges)
No of ornaments
2
Gross weight
14.65 gms

Government of Jharkhand
Department of Industries
Directorate of Industries, 3rd Floor, Nepal House,
Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002
Phone: +91 651 2491844, email: jhr-doi@nic.in

Tender Reference No. 2347 Dated: 12/12/2025
VERY SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Directorate of Industries, Department of Industries, Government of Jharkhand invites Technical and Financial proposals from eligible and experienced Knowledge Partners / Agencies / Firms / Joint Ventures (JV)/Consortia for providing end-to-end strategic, technical, coordination, and communication support for the visit of a High-Level Delegation from the State of Jharkhand to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, 2026 Davos (Switzerland) and London (U.K). The document can be downloaded from the website: https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
Response to this tender shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its implications. This section provides general information about the Issuer, important dates and addresses and the overall eligibility criteria for the parties.

NIT Details:

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1	RFP/Tender Availability	12/12/2025; Time: 16:00 Hrs
2	Last date for receiving queries	14/12/2025; Time: 16:00 Hrs
3	Response to queries	15/12/2025; Time: 15:00 Hrs
4	Last date of Submission	18/12/2025; Time: 16:00 Hrs
5	Technical proposal opening	19/12/2025 at 16:00 Hrs
6	Technical Presentation	22/12/2025; Time:15:00 Hrs onwards
7	Financial Bid Opening	To be announced
8	Cost of Tender (Demand Draft)	Electronic transfer of INR 10,000/- (Non-Refundable) through Jharkhand Tender website - https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
9	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Electronic transfer of INR 1,00,000/- through Jharkhand Tender website - https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
10	Website for downloading Tender Documents	https://www.Directorate.co.in/tenders.php.
11	Name and Address of Office inviting Tender	The Director, Directorate of Industries, Government of Jharkhand, 3rd floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin – 834002 Email- jhr-doi@nic.in
12	Venue for Bid Opening & Presentation by bidders	Office of Director of Industries, Government of Jharkhand, 3rd floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin – 834002

Note:
1. Proposals must be received not later than time, date and venue mentioned in the Fact Sheet. Proposals that are received after the deadline WILL NOT be considered in this procurement process.
2.

PR 368452 (Industries) 25-26 (D)

Sd/-
Director Industries

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT (CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION)
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES JHARKHAND, RANCHI
INTEGRATED CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (I.C.D.P.) CELL, RANCHI
Short e-Tender Notice
Tender Notice No:- ICDP/RANCHI/09/2025-26 **DATE:-** 08.12.2025

01.	Name of work	Construction of Prefabricated Packaging & Sheeves Fitted Storage unit at Various Places of Jharkhand.
02.	No. Of Unit	150
03.	Estimated Value of work(IN Rs)	(3,50,000 X 150) = 5,25,00,000.00
04.	Earnest Money (IN Rs)	5,25,000.00
05.	B.O.Q. Cost (IN Rs)	10,000.00
06.	Time of Completion	12 Months
07.	Date Of Publication on Website	17.12.2025 AT 11:00 AM
08.	Last Date & Time of Submission of bids	27.12.2025 Up to 05:00 PM
09.	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	State Monitoring Officer, ICDP Cell, Ranchi, Pasupalan-Sahkarita Bhawan, Singh More Hesag, Hatia, Ranchi. 834003
10.	Contact No of Procurement Officer	7979760612, 7250895727

02. Bid document with details terms and conditions will be available online on e-tendering portal, http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in from 17.12.2025 at 11:00 AM to 27.12.2025 up to 05:00 PM. Bids must be Submitted online only at the e- tendering portal http:// Jharkhandtender.gov.in on or before 05:00 PM on 27.12.2025. Tender Fee and EMD Will be received through online mode only. Bidders can use internet banking facility for faster processing of tender fee and EMD. Alternatively, bidders can use NEFT/RTGS challan generated for the tender from jharhandtenders.gov.in portal. Technical Bid received online will be opened at 05:00 PM on 29.12.2025
03. Estimate Cost May Vary.
04. Corrigendum/Amendment if any will be published only on the above mentioned website.

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Sd/-
State monitoring Officer ICDP Cell, Ranchi

Gruha Lakshmi payments: Minister lied to House, says BJP

Ashoka tells CM to put an end to 'dinner politics' in Congress

BELAGAVI, DHNS

Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Friday sought action against Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar for "lying" to the Assembly about payments under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

Ashoka said the minister told the Assembly on December 9 that Gruha Lakshmi payments (Rs 2,000 to women head of households) were made up to August this year.

Hebbalkar was replying to Hubli-Dharwad (Central) BJP MLA Mahesh Tenginkai, who insisted that payments were not made for the months of February and March.

"On December 10, we received an official reply from the deputy director of the department of women and child development that payments weren't made in February and March. On December 11, we got the same information about Gadag and Haveri," Ashoka said. "How can we trust replies given by ministers in this House? Where's the authenticity?" Ashoka said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the government had released payments up to September. He assured the members that if payment for the months of February and March were not made, he would ensure it is got done.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka speaks during a debate in the Legislative Assembly at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Friday.

"That's not the question," BJP's V Sunil Kumar said. "The House has been lied to. When we insisted that February-March payments weren't done, the minister said beneficiaries were paid up to August. Is this a breach of privilege or disrespect to the House?"

Ashoka said the government should either suspend the official who provided information or act against Hebbalkar. Siddaramaiah said this issue did not amount to a breach of privilege.

The CM said he would speak with Hebbalkar. "She will clarify on Monday," he said. "We'll ensure this won't happen again."

Dinner politics

Ashoka urged Siddaramaiah to put an end to 'dinner politics' in Congress. "Stop your late-night dinners for the next 10 days. Home Minister G Parameshwara should lock-up all the rooms. At least then the session will function properly," Ashoka said.

Ashoka's deputy Arvind Bellad said the Congress government was more about politics than governance.

Funds under SCSP/TSP not misused, claims minister

BELAGAVI, DHNS

Minister for Social Welfare H C Mahadevappa on Friday informed the Legislative Council that funds under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) have not been misused.

In the Legislative Council, replying to the question by BJP member Hemalatha Nayak, the minister said that under Section 7(c) of the SCSP and TSP Act, funds may be allocated and utilised based on the proportion of SC/ST beneficiaries in general social sector programmes.

Accordingly, allocation under the SCSP/TSP has been made for guarantee schemes and is being utilized for the benefit of SC/ST communities.

What Act says

"As per the Act, departments such as Education, Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Irrigation, Women and Child Development, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Planning, and Energy implement schemes applicable to all.

"For these schemes, funds under the SCSP/TSP are allocated and utilized for the overall development of SC/ST beneficiaries," the minister said.

Funds released for schemes

As of the end of November 2025, under the SCSP and the TSP, Rs 42,017 crore has been allocated and Rs 17,546 crore released.

Of this, Rs 598.46 cr has been released for Gruha Lakshmi, Rs 846.75 crore for Anna Bhagya, Rs 118.52 crore - Yuva Nidhi, Rs 1,665.71 cr - Gruha Jyothi and Rs 1,024.65 crore for Shakti scheme.

In total, Rs 4,254.09 crore of the Rs 17,546 crore released under the SCSP/TSP this financial year has been utilized for guarantee schemes, amounting to 24.24% of the released funds.

SCSP/TSP funds released for guarantees so far (2023-Nov 2025)

GRUHA LAKSHMI	
SCSP	Rs 14,743 crore
TSP	Rs 6,317 crore
ANNA BHAGYA	
SCSP	Rs 3,701 crore
TSP	Rs 1,584 crore
YUVA NIDHI	
SCSP	Rs 202 crore
TSP	Rs 81 crore
GRUHA JYOTHI	
SCSP	Rs 4,562 crore
TSP	Rs 2,076 crore
SHAKTI SCHEME	
SCSP	Rs 2,701 crore
TSP	Rs 1,215 crore
TOTAL SCSP/TSP FUNDS USED FOR SCHEMES	
SCSP	Rs 25,909 crore
TSP	Rs 11,273 crore
TOTAL SCSP/TSP FUNDS (2023-NOV 2025)	
Allocation	Rs 1,17,197.1 cr
Release	Rs 90,710 cr
Expenditure	Rs 87,901.69 cr

Bidar, Kolar DC offices get hoax bomb threat mail

BIDAR, DHNS: The official e-mail IDs of the Kolar and Bidar deputy commissioner offices received a bomb threat on Friday, which later turned to be a hoax.

The sender of the mail, who identified himself as Arna Ashwin Shekhar from Mylapore, Chennai, claimed that five RDX improvised explosive devices (IEDs) have been planted in the offices of deputy commissioners of Bidar and Kolar. The mail warned that the offices should be vacated before 2 in the noon.

After coming to know of the mail, the police arrived at Bidar DC office and sent out all the officers and staff. The personnel of the bomb disposal squad conducted a thorough search. Fire and Emergency Services personnel were also summoned as a precautionary measure. However, no explosives were found after an elaborate search and the mail was confirmed to be a hoax. Later, office staff returned to work.

Additional Superintendent of Police Chandrakanth Pujari, Additional Deputy Commissioner Shivanand Karale and other officers were present.

WARM WELCOME

Dharwad Deputy Commissioner Divya Prabhu welcomes Tibetan spiritual leader The Dalai Lama on his arrival at Hubballi Airport on Friday. PTI PHOTO

Encroachment on Bagair Hukum land: Minister warns of criminal action

BELAGAVI, DHNS

Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Friday warned of criminal action against those attempting to encroach upon 'Bagair Hukum' land.

Replying to a query raised by Congress MLC Ramesh Babu during 'Zero Hour', Gowda said that, besides the encroachers themselves, action would be initiated against officials who are hand-in-glove with the miscreants.

"Government will not tolerate the 'deep-rooted nexus' enabling encroachment using forged documents. It's shocking that certain officials have assisted the encroachers who are illegally procuring government land. Nobody involved in such illegal activities will be spared," Gowda added.

Citing a case reported in Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru district, Gowda said that as many as fraudulent cultivation permits were issued in the name of 98 individuals enabling encroachers to create fake records. "We have already filed an FIR against those who attempted to encroach land using these forged documents," said the minister.

The government is aware of the gravity of this problem, and is treating the issue as a case of 'organised land fraud'. "Officials have sought an additional week to complete the process of verification. Once the final report is submitted, we will initiate strict criminal action, and departmental inquiries will be initiated against every official in cahoots with these encroachers," said Gowda.

Compensation paid

The minister said that Rs 2,249 crore had been paid in compensation to 14.21 lakh farmers who lost their crops owing to excess rain during the monsoon. "In Kalaburagi district alone, crops were destroyed across 3.23 lakh acres, and we have disbursed compensation of Rs 257.9 crore to the affected farmers," said Gowda.

Shivakumar will become CM after Belagavi session: Iqbal Hussain

BELAGAVI, DHNS

In a no-holds-barred claim, Ramanagara Congress MLA Iqbal Hussain on Friday said Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar would replace the incumbent Siddaramaiah after the ongoing Belagavi session of the legislature.

"Shivakumar will become the CM after this session," Hussain told reporters at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha here.

"Shivakumar has a chance. He will become the CM now. For all his effort, struggle and party's organisation, we're hopeful that he'll be rewarded. We've told the high command about this," Hussain said.

Hussain's statement came a day after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son, MLC Dr Yathindra, ruled out a change in leadership. "Nobody is above the Congress' top brass," Hussain said.

Hussain also said that 55 Congress lawmakers metfor dinner late on Thursday night.

Asked if the leadership question would be answered by the high command based on a number game on who enjoys most MLAs' support, Hussain said: "It's not about numbers. It'll be a decision and all must be bound to it. We've been asked to maintain discipline. The high command has said it will take a decision."

No show of strength: DKS

Speaking to reporters, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said he will not indulge in any show of strength. "I don't need anybody to rally for me. It's not necessary. I don't want anybody to speak for me," he said. "All 140 MLAs are one. The CM and I belong to the same group," Shivakumar insisted.

Shivakumar also clarified that he did not hold any dinner meeting with Congress lawmakers. "Doddannavar is a former president of Belagavi District Congress. He's a friend and was inviting me home for dinner for a long time. I and a few others had gone there for dinner. It was not a dinner meet," he said.

No call from Delhi, says angry Siddaramaiah

Amid speculation that he and his deputy D K Shivakumar will be 'summoned' to Delhi by the Congress high command to settle their leadership dispute, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah angrily said he has not received a call.

"No one has called. You're asking unnecessarily. Have they (high command) told you? Then why are you unnecessarily asking me if the high command has called me on December 19?" Siddaramaiah told reporters.

MP seeks Centre's intervention to help distressed K'taka farmers

KARNATAKA in PARLIAMENT

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Rajya Sabha member G C Chandrashekhar on Friday urged the Centre to immediately intervene and support sugarcane, maize, and tur farmers in Karnataka, who are facing severe distress due to a sharp crash in market prices.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour in the Rajya Sabha, the MP highlighted the crisis faced by farmers during the 2025-26 kharif season.

He informed the House that tur dal has been cultivated on 16.3 lakh hectares in the state this season, with an expected production of 12.6 lakh tonnes. Despite the bumper crop, prices have collapsed.

"The Karnataka government had requested the Centre on 6 November 2025 to immediately begin procurement of tur at the declared Minimum Support Price (MSP). However, no action has been taken so far," he said.

"A similar crisis is also affecting maize farmers. Since maize is not consumed as a staple food in Karnataka and cannot be distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS), procurement under the Price Deficiency Payment (PDP) mechanism is not feasible, " he said.

Consequently, the state government sought Central approval for a separate Price Deficiency Payment Scheme on 19 November 2025, but approval was still pending.

The MP pointed out that farmers in the drought- and flood-prone regions of Kalyana Karnataka and Kittur Karnataka have produced around 60 lakh metric tonnes of maize this year. Despite the good output, the Centre is yet to announce the MSP for maize.

In the absence of Central support, the Karnataka government has stepped in and increased the procurement limit from 20 to 50 quintals per acre, but this alone is insufficient.

Chandrashekhar also noted that the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Centre for procurement of maize for ethanol production has remained ineffective because distillers have not received firm orders from distilleries.

He further highlighted a nationwide issue saying that over 350 distilleries across India now face uncertainty due to the new ethanol blending tender for 2025-26, which prioritises supply from "deficit zones", leaving many established distilleries without allocation despite heavy investments.

The Rajya Sabha member urged the Central government to immediately approve and commence MSP-based procurement of tur and maize, open procurement centres well before peak arrivals, provide enhanced compensation to farmers affected by recent heavy rains and floods, review and revise the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane in line with rising input costs.

Bill to prevent hate speech to target opponents: Joshi

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Pralhad Joshi.

Criticising the Congress-ruled Karnataka government's hate speech bill, Union Minister for Food and Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi on Friday alleged that the legislation is designed to "silence critics" and "shield" itself from accountability.

The state government tabled the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crime (Prevention) Bill, proposing a jail term of up to 10 years and a maximum fine of Rs 1 lakh in the Legislative Assembly, on Wednesday.

"Karnataka's Congress regime is misusing legislation to control public opinion." Joshi posted on X.

"A 10-year jail term for 'hate speech'? Is this to curb hate speech or to curb freedom of speech itself? Is this for maintaining harmony, or for silencing every voice that questions their failures?" asked the BJP MP from Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency.

Joshi alleged that the Bill appears to have been "designed to silence critics, shield the government from accountability and tighten political control through fear". Such "cruel measures" reflect the Congress's insecurity, not its commitment to democracy, he charged.

The legislation, Joshi added, does not appear to have been prepared with the genuine intent of preserving harmony in society. Instead, it seems designed with the malicious objective of silencing those who question the government's misrule and failures, he said.

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Sl. No.	Name of the works	Estimated amount Rs.in lakhs	EMD (in Rupees)
1	Shifting of Refused Derived Fuel (RDF) from Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCCs) and Processing plants to Bidadi KPCL Waste to Energy Plant and Shifting of Ash from Waste to Energy Plant to Landfill, Phase-3.	992.00	Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.13,88,000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/Scheduled Bank

Stipulated Period of Service Contract : **07 Months**
CALENDER OF EVENTS:
1. Date of Pre bid meeting: **18.12.2025 at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560052.
2. Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: **22.12.2025 before 16:00 hours.**
3. The Technical Bid opening date in KPP Portal: **23.12.2025 after 16:30 hours.**
Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the KPP Portal only.
Sd/- Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML
DIPR/CP/4437/Zen/2025-26

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'NK left behind': MLA flags deep structural problems

Points at poor SSLC results, apathy of ministers

BELAGAVI, DHNS

A land Congress MLA B R Patil on Friday highlighted the structural problems dragging down North Karnataka's (NK) development.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, Patil said: "Out of two lakh students who write the SSLC exam in Kalyana Karnataka, one lakh fail. They fail because their parents are uneducated."

"The SSLC pass percentage in Dakshina Kannada is 91.12%. It is 89.96% in Udupi. But in Kalaburagi, the pass percentage is 42.43%, which is less than half of Dakshina Kannada's. Does this make us proud? Have we done anything about this?" he asked.

Speaking about connectivity issues, he said: "Because of the rain, road connectivity in our region has spoiled. In many places, children have stopped going to school because of the lack of bus facilities... The government will build roads and roads will build the nation."

For someone to come from the border region of Aurad in Bidar, they have to come through Kalaburagi, go to Ballari and then reach Bengaluru, which takes around 700–800 km, he noted.

"If there's a direct road, we can come to Bengaluru in eight hours," he said.

Ministers slammed

The Aland MLA also slammed ministers for not travelling across the state. "The ministers are confined to just Bengaluru and their constituencies; this is irrespective of the governments and the parties. Are you ministers just for your constituency? Is the state, your department, not yours? Isn't the Cabinet a joint responsibility?" he wanted to know.

Patil sought to know how many ministers had gone to constituencies in North Karnataka like Khanapur, Aurad, Nippani, Gurmitkal and so on.

"Some ministers come to Hubballi, Belagavi and say they have come to our region. When we ask where, they say Belagavi. They don't even know that Belagavi is 450 km away from Kalaburagi. How can there be development with such ministers?" the senior legislator lamented.

Patil also explained that places like Kalaburagi were not getting rain due to the scant 1/6th forest cover.

Seeking a campaign for afforestation, he sought a law under which lands would be confiscated if trees were not grown.

Consider promotion of officer from 2018: HC to KPTCL

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BENGALURU, DHNS:

The Dharwad bench of the high court has said that in service jurisprudence, mere contemplation of disciplinary proceedings can never be equated with pendency of disciplinary proceedings.

Justice M Nagaprasanna said this while directing the state-owned Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) to accord promotion within eight weeks to an assistant accounts officer with effect from 2018.

The petitioner Maruthi Rao had joined service in 2001 as junior assistant and was promoted to the post of assistant accounts officer in September 2001.

Between 2012 and 2014, he was placed under suspension for three months pending disciplinary proceedings.

In April 2018, the cases of all eligible officers for promotion to the post of accounts officer from the cadre of assistant accounts officer were assessed.

While all his juniors were promoted, Rao's case was placed in a sealed cover on the score that disciplinary proceedings were contemplated.

He moved the high court after his July 2024 representation, requesting to be considered for promotion was not considered.

It was submitted that the charge sheet was issued on October 29, 2021, and that he did not suffer any ineligibility on April 16, 2018, when the departmental promotion committee met to consider the cases of promotion.

It was said that the petitioner is entitled to be promoted as he was only placed under suspension once and the same was revoked four years prior to the assessment.

On the other hand, KPTCL argued that since the charge sheet is pending, his case would be considered after the closure of departmental enquiry.

Justice Nagaprasanna said the promotional prospects of an otherwise eligible officer could not be sealed or deferred solely on the basis of a contemplation.

"It is by now well settled that departmental proceedings are deemed to commence only upon the formal issuance of a charge sheet — neither the act of suspension nor the issuance of a showcause notice has the effect of initiating disciplinary proceedings," he said.

The court said, "In the case at hand, the charge sheet was issued only on 29.10.2021, nearly four years subsequent to a meeting of the departmental promotion committee, which had, on 16.04.2018, accorded promotion to the juniors of the petitioner. The petitioner on the said date, admittedly did not suffer any disqualification and yet his case was excluded for promotion. A charge sheet surfacing years after the departmental promotion committee convened, cannot retrospectively deprive the petitioner of a promotion that he was rightfully due and ought to have been granted upon the fair assessment of his representation".

Oppn objects to minister speaking in NK debate

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil on Friday withdrew from speaking during the discussion on the problems in North Karnataka (NK) in the Legislative Assembly after the Opposition BJP members objected to a minister speaking in such debates.

When Patil was about to speak during the ongoing discussion, Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka explained that there has been no precedent of a minister speaking.

"We won't oppose it. H K Patil is a gentleman. But you (Speaker) give a ruling after seeing the book and let it continue," Ashoka said.

Patil responded by saying there is no rule preventing a minister from speaking and referred to instances where ministers in the previous BJP government had spoken during debates about electoral reforms and other issues.

The BJP MLAs, however, insisted that participating in general debates was different from a minister speaking in a debate where the government is mandated to respond.

After this, Patil withdrew from speaking.

March 2026 deadline for schools to update Aadhaar biometric of kids

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Department of School Education and Literacy has set March 2026 as the deadline for schools across the state to update the Aadhaar Mandatory Biometric (Aadhaar MBU) of the children aged 5 and 15 years.

As updation of Aadhaar is mandatory to claim various benefits, including scholarships both from state and union government and also for the government to implement various schemes like Mid-Day-Meals and Ksheera Bhagya, free eggs and bananas, the department issued a circular insisting on mandatory Aadhaar MBU.

The department has instructed the schools to conduct camps and update the Aadhaar of all children aged 5 and 15 years.

As explained by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), considering the changes in iris and fingerprint, to maintain the reliability of the biometric, it has been made mandatory to update. Till October 2025, the update was done free of cost.

"All schools must complete the process by March 1, 2026," reads the circular.

The department has already made it mandatory to update students' Aadhaar with the Student Achievement Tracking System (UDISE), but even that is not completed despite repeated reminders.

The circular stated that, if the Aadhaar MBU is delayed, then students will not be able to apply for any of the scholarships offered by both the state and the Centre.

The responsibility of completing the task has been assigned to Commissioners of Public Instruction and the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Zilla Panchayats and they have been asked to have weekly progress review meetings to get the latest updates.

Why this process?

When a child attains the age of 5 and 15, all the documents, including Iris, photograph and fingerprint, will be updated.

Following the same, UIDAI will update the details, retaining the original Aadhaar number provided to children. This process is called the first Aadhaar MBU and and second Aadhaar MBU.

Spl trains to Hubballi & Vijayapura

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** The South Western Railway (SWR) will operate special trains connecting Bengaluru with Hubballi and Vijayapura on December 24.

Train number 07379 will depart from Hubballi at noon and reach Yeshwantpur at 8.30 pm via Haveri, Harihar, Davangere, Arsikere, and Tumakuru.

Train no. 06277 will leave Yeshwantpur at 9.50 pm and reach Vijayapura at 9 am via Tumakuru, Arsikere, Davangere, Harihar, Badami, Bagalkot, and Almatti.

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯ, 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಷರತ್ತು–ವಾ–ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30–12–2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.**

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ Replacing Deteriorated / Damaged / Burnt Out Streetlights, U.G. Cable, Streetlight Control Boxes, High Mast Lights, L.T. U.G. Loop Cable, Additional Streetlight Poles, LT Meter Bank Panels etc. and also Providing CCTV for all the Gates and Important Places in the yard at Main Market Yard of Yeshwantpur APMC ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. **I No: APMC/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT639/CALL-2**	**69,02,312.00** (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)	**1,38,100.00**
	ಅರ್ಹತೆ: KW-03 ರಂತೆ		

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ಕೃಉಮಾಸ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೨/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/4407/ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೈ/2025–26

DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
Maulana Azad Bhavan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No.: DOM/Group 'C'/TENDER/CR-04/2025-26 Date: 13-12-2025

Announcement of Short Term Re-Tender

A Short Term Re-Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities for **Providing 3 months pre-examination coaching for various Group-C posts for Minority Candidates (Men and Women) at Bengaluru, Dharwad, Kalaburagi & Mysuru** for the year 2025-26. Interested & eligible Bidders/Institutes can apply through e-Procurement Portal. The schedule of Re-Tender will be as follows:

Sl. No.	No. of Details	Date/Time
1.	Date of Tender Publication	**13.12.2025**
2.	Tender Amount:	**Rs. 320.00 Lakhs.**
3.	EMD Amount:	**Rs.4.80 Lakhs.**
4.	Pre-bid meeting:	**19.12.2025 at 11:30 a.m.**
5.	Last date and time for submission of tender:	**29.12.2025 by 5:30 p.m.**
6.	Date and time of Technical bid opening:	**31.12.2025 at 11:30 a.m.**
7.	Date and time of Financial bid opening:	**03.01.2026 at 3:00 p.m.**
8.	Place of tender opening and contact address:	Maulana Azad Bhawan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
9.	Telephone No. to be contacted	**080-22535902 080-22535912**

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-Procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Joint Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4431/MAA/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids against Bid Enquiry Nos. for the following works.

1) No. CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/10949-53 Date: 11.12.2025

Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/TZH/KVR/2025-26/TLM Package-22 for Replacement of single string porcelain insulator by double string Composite Polymer Long Rod Insulators and jumper replacement works in various lines coming under TLM sub-division Kavoor of Hassan Transmission Zone.

2) No. CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/10905-08 Date: 10.12.2025

Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/TZH/MNG/08/2025-26/Gangmen/26 for Providing 8 No's of Unskilled Line Maintenance Gangmen Service required to TLM sub-division, Kavoor of Operations Division, KPTCL, Kavoor & Kemar for a period of one year (12 months).

3) No. CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-3/F-T2&T3/2025-26/10945-48 Date: 11.12.2025

1) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3046 Combined package for **replacement of existing age old C&R panels** of Power Transformers & 33kV lines by new C&R panels at **Neralekere** 110/11kV sub-station, **Lingadahalli** 66/11kV sub-station, **Balehonnur** 66/33/11kV sub-station, **Tarikere** 110/11kV sub-station in Operation Division, Chikkamagaluru on **TTK Basis**.

2) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3060 Combined package for **Providing 5.8MVar/2.9MVar 11kV Capacitor Banks** at **Tarikere** 110/11kV sub-station, **Lingadahalli** 66/11kV sub-station, **Lakkavalli** 66/11kV sub- station, **Balehonnuru** 66/33/11kV Sub-station & **Ajjampura** 110/11kV sub-station in Operation Division, KPTCL, Chikkamagaluru on **PTK basis.** (11kV Switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL).

4) No. CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-5/F-72&73/2025-26/10955-58 Date: 11.12.2025

1) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3058 Combined package of Seven (07) works for Providing new 11kV PCVCB's/MCVCB's for bifurcation of partial load of over loaded 11kV feeders at 66/11kV sub-stations Doddabemmatti, Hirisave, Rampura, Juttanahally, Attichowdenahally, Hangarahally and M.Dasapura in Channarayapatna, Holenarasipura and Arakalagudu taluk, Hassan district on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

2) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3061 Combined package for Providing **12.1kV class 2.9MVAr Capacitor Banks** at various stations such as **220kV Yachenahally, 66/11kV Hirisave, 66/11kV Holenarasipura and 66/11kV Hangarahally** in Channarayapatna and Holenarasipura taluk, Hassan district on **Partial Turnkey Basis**.

5) No. CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-5/F-72&73/2025-26/10960-63 Date: 11.12.2025

1) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3048 Combined package for 66/11kV Rampura sub-station: Replacement of damaged/age old Drake/Coyote ACSR conductor of 11kV Bus by good Drake/Coyote ACSR conductor and replacement of age old MS L-Channel of 11kV Bus by GI 1B1 & 1B2 channels & replacement of faulty LA by new 9kV 10kA LA at **66/11kV Rampura sub-station**, Channarayapatna Taluk, Operations Division, Holenarasipura.

2) 66/11kV Channarayapatna sub-station: Providing additional 3 runs and 1 run of 11kV UG cable for 11kV Bank 1 & 2 respectively at **66/11kV Channarayapatna sub-station**, Operations Division, Holenarasipura on **Partial Turnkey Basis. Reserved for SC category.**

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-Tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "tenders" on or after (Sl. No.1) **12.12.2025** and (Sl. No. 2 to 5) **15.12.2025.** Other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, "Prasarana Bhavana", Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573201.**

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of The Executive Engineer, K.N.N.L., No. 2, Canal Division, Oddarahatti Camp, State : Karnataka.

No. : E.E./K.N.N.L./CD.2/TS/AE-2/2025-26/1223
Date : 10-12-2025

Short Term Tender Notification Call-3
(Only through E-procurement System)

On behalf of the **Managing Director, K.N.N.L., Bangalore the Executive Engineer, No. 2, Canal Division, Odderahatti Camp** the undersigned invites in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Lumpsum base tenders in **Two Cover System (Services)** under H/A 2701 Man Power Supply Services of **One Works** under this **Division of Indent No. : SE0151.**

Pre Bid Meeting will be held on Date : 17-12-2025 @ 11.30 a.m. at E.E. K.N.N.L., No. 2, Canal Division, Odderahatti Camp, The Last Date for Submission of Tender Document upto Date : 22-12-2025 upto 5.05 p.m. Details can be viewed from Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in & Date of Opening of Technical Bid on Date : 23-12-2025 at 5.06 p.m. & Financial Bid on Date : 26-12-2025 at 11.00 a.m. or after Obtaining Approval to Technical Bid.

The Officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For more information visit to Website given above or contact at Office in all Working Days during Office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K.N.N.L., No. 2, Canal Division,
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3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite Tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for below mentioned work.
Name of the work: Construction of Haj Bhavan at Bajpe Village, Mangaluru Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District. Work Indent No: KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 675 & IFT No.123/2025-26 Date: 11.12.2025. Amount put to tender: Rs.15,10,72,038/-
Last date for submission of Bid: 20.12.2025 upto 4.00 PM
For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Tel: 080-22273511 / 080-22100077 Website:https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4417/CCL/2025-26

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು. ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಷ್ಮಾನ್ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮಂದಿರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ ಮೂರನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ 9 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 53.15 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳು: 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 09.12.2025 ರಂದು 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. **2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್) : 10.12.2025 ರಂದು 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ (Through KPPP) https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ದಿಂದ ಡ್ನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸೂಚನೆ: 1) ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ /ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. **2)** ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬದಲಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಆಕುಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

DIPR/DDMYS/1341/KSMCA/771/2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ,
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ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: ksdb.dhrdiv@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 0836–2747842

ಸಂ.ಕಕೊಅಮ/ಕಾಪಾಅ/ಧಾ.ವಿ/ತಾಂ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ/2025–26/806
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.12.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, **ಧಾರವಾಡ** ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿಂತೆ,

ಸೆಸ್ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ Infrastructure works - 112 Houses For the Construction of 976 Houses including infrastructure works for slum dwellers of Dharwad West assembly Constituency of Dharwad City under PMAY(U)- HFA Scheme.KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT365

ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆದಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರ/ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನು **ttps://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11–12–2025** ರಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24–12–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26–12–2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಯ** ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

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A right step towards ending social boycott

Karnataka's newly proposed Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2025, marks a significant step forward in the state's long tryst with social justice. In a society where community honour and informal power networks often override constitutional freedoms, the legislation acknowledges an uncomfortable truth: social boycott is not an outdated remnant of caste custom, but a continuing, insidious instrument of coercion across Karnataka's villages and towns. Critics may ask why a separate law is necessary when the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, already criminalises such boycotts, especially after its 2015 amendment defined the offence explicitly. The answer is clear: the central legislation protects only SC and ST communities. In reality, ostracism cuts across caste and community, triggered by inter-caste marriages, personal disputes, defiance of local hierarchies, or even assertion of individual liberty. A community-agnostic law was required to plug this gap.

Maharashtra recognised this need nearly a decade ago with its pioneering 2016 social boycott law. Karnataka, though late, arrives at a timely moment. Recent incidents have laid bare how extra-judicial bodies such as caste panchayats and local sabhas continue to enforce their writ, subverting constitutional rights and State authority alike. In Shivamogga, a Jogi community family was ostracised and fined after an inter-caste marriage. In Chitradurga, a disabled couple faced punitive isolation, while the woman's parents were penalised for sheltering them. In Yadgir, nearly 250 Dalits were denied access to shops, temples, and public spaces after refusing to withdraw a POCSO-related police complaint. These are not isolated excesses; they are systematic attempts to strip citizens of dignity and livelihood.

Karnataka moves to rein in informal power structures that police individual liberty

This is why the Bill's broad definition of social boycott matters. Among its nearly 20 listed grounds are denial of access to public or religious spaces, expulsion from community life, obstruction of trade or employment, imposition of dress or language codes, and restrictions on burial or worship. These are not hypothetical possibilities, but documented practices across the state. The Bill also targets community assemblies that enforce such boycotts, prescribes imprisonment and fines, and appoints a Social Boycott Prohibition Officer for monitoring and enforcement. Yet law alone cannot undo social tyranny. Karnataka's experience with the SC/ST Act — scarred by low conviction rates — warns that enforcement, not enactment, will determine success. Equally, caution is essential. A powerful legal instrument must never become a political tool weaponised for vendetta or selective targeting. Karnataka has taken an important step towards dismantling extra-legal authority. If applied with resolve and fairness, it can help establish the spirit of constitutional equality that affirms every citizen's right to live with dignity and freedom.

A system that fails acid attack victims

It is a matter of deep shame that India's criminal justice system has badly failed victims of acid attacks, which are among the most sordid crimes committed against women. Nearly 88% of such cases remain pending in courts, despite the Supreme Court previously flagging these delays. A two-judge bench of the court headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has directed registrars of high courts to provide details of pending trials in acid attack cases to the court within four weeks. The court has also asked the Solicitor General of India to consider proposing amendments to the law on disabilities to help acid attack victims. These directives arose from a case in which the victim has been awaiting a verdict for 16 years, with virtually no progress made during that period. Among the cases brought before the court were also cases in which the victims were forcibly made to ingest acid, leaving them with severe internal injuries. It observed that perpetrators of such brutality deserve punishment even more stringent than what is prescribed under the UAPA.

Latest figures reported by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) show that there were 207 cases of acid attack in 2023. West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat reported the most number of cases. The actual figures may be more. Studies have shown that most attacks are due to rejection of marriage proposals or resistance to sexual advances. The trauma created by an acid attack is very deep and lasts a lifetime. Because of the disfigurement, many victims withdraw from society. Many find it difficult to get jobs, and even lose the support of their family. Some victims have committed suicide. Most continue to endure severe physical and psychological consequences of the attacks and require long-term treatment.

With 88% of cases pending, acid attack victims face both lifelong trauma and systemic neglect

Of the 735 cases which are slated for trial, 649 have been pending for years. Apart from suggesting amendments to the law, the court also proposed setting up special courts which can conduct the cases on a day-to-day basis. Currently, there is no legal provision for free medical treatment and rehabilitation of victims. The government should make such a provision. Facilities for specialised treatment, including plastic surgery, should be made available to all victims. There is a demand that the government should facilitate their treatment in private hospitals, too, if necessary. In 2013, the Supreme Court imposed restrictions on the sale of acid in the market, but these are only observed in the breach. Unfortunately, the victims of the worst form of gender violence are denied justice in every way.

AMBITION VS DISCIPLINE

Refusing Savarkar award exposes Tharoor's dilemma

Shashi Tharoor is electorally irrelevant to the BJP. He brings nothing to it except offering himself as an instrument to embarrass the Congress

BHARAT BHUSHAN

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor's politics is inescapable from his narcissism — blending flamboyance, literary flourish, and diplomatic experience to underline his distinction against your run-of-the-mill Congressmen.

His individual stands are rationalised as loyalty to the nation over party discipline, but in reality, represent no more than personal ambition. The only other politician who comes close to him in overweening ambition is his intellectual polar opposite, Navjot Singh Sidhu. In both, personal ambition overshadows party discipline.

If Tharoor masks his nebulous ambition (there was a narrative of his being Kerala chief minister once) using intellectual subterfuge; Sidhu plays his cards openly — bluntly saying that he will return to the party only if he is offered the top job as Punjab's chief minister. Most recently, Sidhu's wife made a statement that her husband will return to politics if the Congress declares him its chief ministerial face in Punjab and that "Rs 500 crore is needed to become Punjab CM." Both Tharoor's and Sidhu's outrageous behaviour is explained by their political ambition being frustrated.

Despite differences in style, Tharoor and Sidhu are similar — one reflects a cosmopolitan intellectual opportunism, the other a cruder populist bluntness. By prioritising their personal status over party unity and discipline, both undermine the Congress. Yet neither will gain anything from joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Perhaps understanding this deadend, Tharoor has publicly refused to accept the newly-minted Veer Savarkar International Impact Award from a Right-wing NGO. He claimed to have learned about it from the media, and has accused the organisers of being irresponsible. However, the organisers have asserted to the media that he had agreed to accept the award in a personal meeting with them, and only later decided to back out.

Acceptance of the award would have been read as appeasement of the ruling BJP and betrayal of the Congress' core ideological beliefs. Tharoor may have feared an irretrievable backlash from the party.

That Tharoor is in sackcloth and ashes today is also indicated by his absence from Parliament, claiming that he is "sacrificing" his attendance record in Parliament to campaign for the party in the local municipal body elections. Lest no one notice, he posted this on X, to emphasise his commitment to the Congress in Kerala.

Tharoor's indiscretions have embarrassed the Congress on several occasions. They include references to economy class in air travel as "cattle class", and allegations of misuse of office when he tried to get Rs 70 crore sweat equity for the late Sunanda Pushkar — then not yet his wife — to set up the Kochi IPL franchise. Nor has he spared the Gandhi family by criticising 'dynastic politics'

(later he claimed misinterpretation by the media) despite the fact that it was Sonia Gandhi who gifted him his second career as a party MP after he retired from the United Nations.

He signed the G-23 rebels' letter asking for party reforms — positioning himself above the party line — but also went out of his way to repeatedly compliment Prime Minister Narendra Modi and L K Advani to the chagrin of his party. He skipped a crucial Congress Working Committee meeting, citing personal reasons and accepted becoming a global emissary of the Modi government to sell its chest-thumping narrative of Operation Sindoor to the world. Most recently, he accepted the dinner invitation for a State banquet for Vladimir Putin when the Leaders of the Opposition in the two Houses of Parliament, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, were deliberately snubbed and not invited in violation of tradition.

Tharoor's reputation does not rest only on his eloquence, his self-branding as a vocabulary bully, his literary output or his cosmopolitan image. All his actions — speeches, books, social media presence — are aimed at highlighting his exceptionalism as a leader who cannot be confined to being a mere party functionary. Pretending that his image puts him above party divides and allows him to participate in the global propaganda initiative of the Modi government, however, is mere skulduggery.

Tharoor may claim that his actions conform to democratic norms and rules. However, under Modi, India has ceased to be normal democracy. For more than a decade, the Opposition is being portrayed as the enemy of the government. His justifications for participating in events pretend that those lines drawn in the sand do not exist, and they distance him from the Congress' collective struggle against an increasingly authoritarian and Hindu-majoritarian government. His behaviour also blunts his party's collective messaging and erodes the internal cohesion of the party.

He boasted nine months ago in a podcast that no one should assume that he had no "other options" if the Congress did not want him, but later claimed that his literary pursuits were misinterpreted as political exploration. He has always backpedalled after continuous provocation of the party that gave him a 'soft landing' as a paratrooper in 2009. Without the party's backing, he would have been nothing more than a retired but eloquent UN diplomat with a literary reputation.

Perhaps he realises that he has no caste bloc, community network, or grassroots cadre which he can mobilise. His Lok Sabha victories in the highly competitive Thiruvananthapuram constituency have of late been won by narrow margins (only 16,077 votes in 2024), making him electorally vulnerable. He knows that he survives more on the organisational ability of the Congress and personal visibility than on mass mobilisation around his leadership or persona. His constituency is mostly urban, comprising educated, middle-class voters. It is now fragmented, with the BJP gaining ground in recent election cycles.

Therefore, Tharoor's dilemma is that no matter how high profile his cosmopolitan image, without the Congress he is just an intellectual, a retired global diplomat, and a writer — not a mass leader. When he made a bid to take over the party by contesting for the president's post, he realised he had meagre support within the party.

As of now, his political future is inseparable from the Congress. Outside the Congress, he can only position himself as a statesman, commentator, or a reformist. If the BJP courts him, it is only to needle the Congress leadership.

The BJP also does not see him as a mass leader. He is electorally irrelevant to the party. He brings nothing to the BJP's table except offering himself as an instrument to embarrass the Congress.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The double ticket lesson

A simple act of self-correction taught me the quiet power of honesty

SANJEEV GANDHI

Many times, certain actions of others become lifelong messages and leave an indelible effect on our minds. Many years ago, one such incident happened in my life when I was posted in another town and used to commute by public transport. There was no direct bus to my workplace, and I had to change the buses roughly in the middle of my journey. One of my senior colleagues also used to board the bus from that stop. He was reticent, so there was not much communication between us despite meeting and travelling together almost every day in the same bus.

One day, while I was waiting for the bus, I saw my senior and greeted him. As usual, he smiled and nodded silently. In the meantime, our bus arrived, and we both boarded it. He got a seat in front of mine, and we silently started our journey. When the bus conductor came, he asked for two tickets. I put my hand on my senior's shoulder and said, "Sir, I will purchase mine."

"Yes, you have to. I am not going to pay for you," he replied. I was surprised not only at his bluntness but also at why he had paid for two passengers when there was no one with him.

After some time, we reached our destination. Our college was near the bus stand, and we used to walk there. As I was very curious to know the reason for his double payment, I began a conversation. He was hesitant at first, but when I stressed, he told me, "Actually, I was tired yesterday. After boarding the bus, I dozed off and didn't notice when the conductor passed me. After getting off the bus, I realised that I had travelled without a ticket. I remained restless the whole day, and this double payment was an attempt to rectify my mistake of yesterday."

I was speechless and astonished at this revelation. If he had ignored his fault, there would have been nobody to accuse him. But it was his integrity that made him buy two tickets. His action taught me that honesty also means developing a practice of speaking truth throughout life. There is no doubt that honesty and other small acts of goodness bring peace, joy, and comfort not only to the practitioner but also to fellow human beings.

This incident taught me a very important lesson: no one becomes a saint overnight. Rather, it is an accumulation of good acts here and there that paves the way for the flourishing of goodness within us. The practice of moral values helps perfect a good life, and a good life encourages the realisation of ethics everywhere and every day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A collapse of public trust in education

I refer to 'Govt school admissions in state fell by 17 lakhs in 15 years' (Dec 12). This is not a routine decline but a collapse of public trust. Madhu Bangarappa's claim that parents prefer English out of "fancy" is misplaced; it is a vote of no confidence in a system that no longer meets modern expectations. Parents are responding to persistent structural failures: multi-grade classrooms, chronic teacher shortages, unstable staffing, and dependence on 43,000 guest teachers, which weakens continuity and accountability. The shift is visible in the numbers — between 2022 and 2024, 375 private schools moved from the state syllabus to CBSE. Today, 42% of Karnataka's children study in private institutions, among the highest in India. Bilingual sections, computer labs, and KPS upgrades are positive but scattered reforms cannot transform a 47,000-school network. Karnataka must deliver universal English-medium education with strong Kannada, NCERT alignment, permanent teacher recruitment, transparent learning outcomes, and one fully equipped KPS per gram panchayat. Unless the state restores credibility through real quality, parents will continue to walk away.

K V Chandramouli, Mysuru

All noise, no solution

Apropos 'A missed chance to fix the electoral process' (Dec 12), the debate on electoral reforms collapsed into political accusations instead of addressing India's serious election-system flaws. Key issues like transparency, abuse of money power, and the autonomy of the Election Commission were largely ignored. Parliament had a rare chance to strengthen democratic trust, but it was wasted in partisan conflict. This missed opportunity leaves core electoral problems unresolved.

Mahi Gupta, Bengaluru

Celebrate national song

As Vande Mataram marks 150 years, it is unfortunate that the discussion around it is again being dragged into political blame games. A national song with such historic resonance deserves reflection, not recrimination. Instead of debating who respected it more, leaders should focus on what the song originally symbolised: unity, courage, and a shared national spirit. India's cultural icons must be celebrated without narrowing them through partisan lenses. Honouring 150 years of Vande Mataram requires maturity, not manufactured controversy.

Armaan Ahmad, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

This is a huge occasion, the human-sized statue of Veer Savarkar was unveiled at this 'tapobhoomi' and the unveiling was done by Mohan Bhagwat, Sarsanghchalak of the organisation which is rightly furthering Savarkar's ideology in a way. This is a holy land, the statue of Veer Savarkar is also holy and its unveiling by Mohan Bhagwat is even better.

Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

The fame of heroes owes little to the extent of their conquests and all to the success of the tributes paid to them.

Jean Genet

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

The economy has a geography problem

Karnataka's rise shows that India's future hinges not on bigger services sectors, but on more productive ones

ATMAN SHAH

India's sprint toward Viksit Bharat@2047 increasingly runs through its services sector. The latest NITI Aayog report shows that services now account for 54.5% of India's GVA, up from 48.9% in 2011-2012. But while the national story reads like a steady march toward modernisation, the state-level picture tells a far more uneven tale. And it is only by placing Karnataka at the centre of this map that India's services-led trajectory can be properly understood. This is not to elevate it as a model, but because its economic structure reveals the deeper forces driving India's accelerating, yet regionally unbalanced, transformation.

Karnataka today stands as one of India's most services-driven economies. The share of services in its GSVA has jumped from 56.8% in 2011-2012 to 65.9% in 2023-2024. Its contribution of 10.47% to national services GVA makes it the second-largest player after Maharashtra. What distinguishes Karnataka is not merely the size of its services sector, but the kind of services it produces: technologically intensive, globally tradeable, and deeply integrated with fast-growing segments like computer and information services, which expanded nationally from Rs 2.38 trillion to Rs 10.77 trillion over the past decade. Bengaluru's ecosystem is not the point here, it is the state's structural tilt toward high-productivity modern services that shapes its economic trajectory.

Contrast this with other major states, and India's uneven landscape becomes clearer. Tamil Nadu, despite being one of India's most industrialised economies, has seen only a marginal rise in its services share from 50.5% to 51.7%. Uttar Pradesh has moved from 45.5% to 47.9%. Gujarat, with its robust manufacturing base, remains at a relatively low 36.1%.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra remains the heavyweight of India's services economy, contributing 15.52% of national services GVA, but it too contains districts where services growth has barely begun. Telangana, one of the few states that mirrors Karnataka's pattern of modern service expansion, has sharply increased its services share from 52.8% to 62.4%.

Then, there are states moving in the reverse direction. Assam's share has dropped dramatically from 46.5% to 34.3%, while Odisha has slipped from 38.5% to 34.9% over the same period. Jharkhand, despite moderate improvement, remains far below the national average, hitched to extractive sectors and slow-moving traditional services. These state trajectories reveal a fundamental fact: India's services revolution is geographically concentrated, technologically skewed, and structurally incomplete.

The right kind of services

This is where the Karnataka contrast becomes analytically useful. A high services share is not synonymous with high income; a point starkly illustrated by Bihar. Despite a service share of around 58%, the highest among several large states, Bihar remains India's lowest-per-capita-income state. Its services economy is dominated by low-value activities such as trade and repair (27.8%) and other informal services (20%). West Bengal, with services contributing 51% of its GSVA, faces a similar limitation. These economies have large service sectors, but not productive ones.

Karnataka's trajectory, alongside that of Maharashtra and Telangana, shows the opposite pattern: prosperous states are not those with the largest services sectors, but those with the most modern and tradable services. India's economic geography is no longer about whether states shift into services, but whether they shift into the right kinds of services.

Aligning state-level divergence

India cannot reach its 2047 goals without confronting this divergence. The country's vision of becoming a developed economy depends on broadening access to high-value services beyond a handful of states. Karnataka's success underscores what is possible when digital infrastructure, human capital, institutional depth, and urban agglomeration align, but it also exposes the gaps elsewhere. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, and Jharkhand require a fundamentally different pathway from the one that enabled Karnataka or Maharashtra to move ahead. They need the basic scaffolding for a modern services economy: formalisation, digital access, urbanisation, skill development, and infrastructure that can support an upgrade from traditional to modern services.

Even within advanced states, the disparities run deep. Karnataka's services boom is overwhelmingly concentrated in a few districts, while much of the state resembles the national average at best. The same holds for Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Telangana. The next phase of India's services strategy must, therefore, occur at the district level with targeted interventions in tourism, logistics, health, education, financial access, and MSME-linked services. This is no longer a matter of macro policy, but of granular economic reconstruction.

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Masjid manoeuvre: Kabir's quest, Mamata's test

The Babri gambit has sparked fire in TMC's backyard

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Three consecutive terms as West Bengal Chief Minister, and yet Baharampur, the district headquarters of Murshidabad and once the seat of power of the Nawabs of Bengal, remained tantalisingly out of Mamata Banerjee's grasp. Doggedly defended by five-time MP and known Mamata critic Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Congress stronghold finally came under assault in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls when the TMC chief imported cricketer Yusuf Pathan from faraway Gujarat to mount the final offensive on the party's last citadel in Bengal.

And Baharampur fell, finally. Adhir lost a three-cornered fight against the TMC and BJP in a communally surcharged election stoked by a TMC MLA who threatened to throw BJP supporters in the Bhagirathi river, a distributary of the Ganga, "in a district with a 70% Muslim population vis-à-vis 30% Hindus."

The MLA — none other than Humayun Kabir, the legislator from Bharatpur — is back in the news for laying the foundation of a 'Babri-style' masjid on December 6 at Beldanga, a small municipality on the eastern banks of the Bhagirathi.

Cash registers haven't stopped ringing since. At last count, the 11 boxes Kabir placed to collect donations for his masjid project had raked in more than Rs 85 lakh in cash. CCTV cameras had to be installed, supposedly to maintain absolute transparency, even as currency-counting machines were pressed into service to update the ledgers. That's aside from close to Rs 3 crore that poured in through online donations.

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So much so that Kabir's namesake, former bureaucrat and Debra MLA from TMC Humayun Kabir, has also been flooded with calls from people eager to donate.

In life, as in politics, chickens often come home to roost. Humayun Kabir is the new kid on the block in West Bengal. He is now challenging the TMC's undisputed hold over Muslim voters in the state, projecting himself as a son of the soil and an alternative to Mamata Banerjee, whose pertinacious grasp over minorities, comprising almost 33% of the state population, has helped the TMC tide over many electoral battles.

Mindful of her minority outreach, the West Bengal chief minister has sought not to leave the BJP too much room to expand beyond a certain threshold. During her tenure, the state has been magnanimous in funding Durga Puja committees. A grand temple dedicated to Lord Jagannath at Digha, inaugurated earlier this year, is a monumental statement in the same vein.

This delicate equilibrium is now being disrupted by Humayun Kabir, the 62-year-old former state minister who once ran a cycle shop in Baharampur. Kabir rose through the ranks of Murshidabad politics, backed by Adhir Ranjan Choudhary.

He won the 2011 Assembly election from Rejinagar on a Congress ticket but later resigned to join Mamata's party. Ironically, he was inducted into the TMC by Suvendu Adhikari, the former right-hand man of Mamata and now the leader of the Opposition from the BJP.

His communally incendiary speeches during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls may have worked to the TMC's advantage in Muslim-dominated areas like Murshidabad and Malda.

But Babri Masjid carries a larger resonance. With elections just four months away, if polarisation of this nature spills over a larger land mass, there is always a risk of the situation spiralling out of control, especially in disparate demographics.

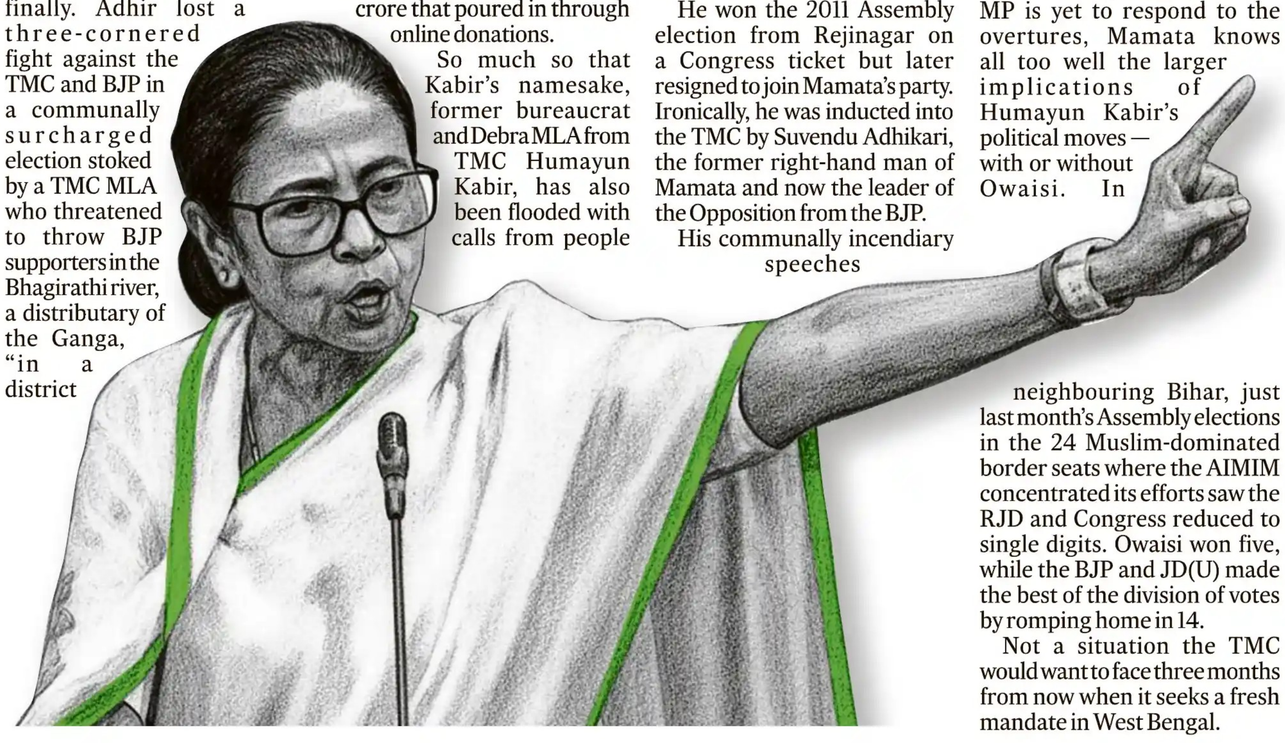
Sensing trouble, the Trinamool acted swiftly, suspending Kabir from the party.

The same day, at a rally in Baharampur, Mamata spoke of removing "one grain of rice that rots... otherwise the rest will spoil", even as she urged Hindus and Muslims to live in unity.

Unfazed, Kabir has vowed to continue his efforts to construct a replica of the Babri Masjid. He is also planning to launch his own party in the third week of December, preparing to field candidates in at least 135 out of 294 seats in the Assembly elections slated for March and April next year.

Kabir claims he is in touch with AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi. Though the Hyderabad MP is yet to respond to the overtures, Mamata knows all too well the larger implications of Humayun Kabir's political moves — with or without Owaisi. In neighbouring Bihar, just last month's Assembly elections in the 24 Muslim-dominated border seats where the AIMIM concentrated its efforts saw the RJD and Congress reduced to single digits. Owaisi won five, while the BJP and JD(U) made the best of the division of votes by romping home in 14.

Not a situation the TMC would want to face three months from now when it seeks a fresh mandate in West Bengal.



BJP smells opportunity in replica politics

SHIKHA MUKERJEE

Stakes in deepening the divide between religious communities are rising in West Bengal, with the laying of foundation stones for mosques and temples emerging as the latest tactic to polarise voters along communal lines in the state's fiercely competitive politics.

In the 78 years since India's independence, West Bengal has not witnessed such unabashedly communal and divisive politics as a strategy for vote mobilisation. On December 6, maverick, now suspended Trinamool Congress leader, Humayun Kabir laid the foundation stone for a replica of the destroyed Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, at Beldanga in Muslim-majority Murshidabad district. Kabir was suspended from the party before he announced his resignation. The event was a massive mobilisation, which Kabir described as a "prestige battle for Muslims". His goal is to launch a new party representing Muslims; in the 2026 Assembly election, he expects to win 90 of West Bengal's 294 seats, thereby positioning himself as a kingmaker.

Since the 2016 Assembly elections, the BJP has talked up several storms, accusing the ruling Trinamool Congress of Muslim appeasement through subventions to clerics and madrasas. On the issue of reconstructing a replica of the Babri Masjid, it curiously avoided targeting Kabir, choosing instead to direct its vitriol at the Trinamool regime for enabling the MLA to do what he did. BJP state president Samik Bhattacharya declared, "The current government in West Bengal is a pro-Babar government. This is a government opposed to Hindus and even Muslims of the state."

Polarisation on the basis of religious identities is now kosher politics. To counter the December 6 rally for the foundation stone of a replica Babri Masjid, former BJP president in Murshidabad, Sakharab Sarkar, organised a far more modestly attended foundation stone, or bhumi puja, ceremony in Baharampur for a replica Ram Temple. This was the second replica of the temple, for which bhumi puja was done in Murshidabad.

Earlier, in January this year, at Alankar village under the Sagardighi constituency, the Bangiya Ram Seva Parishad Charitable Trust installed an eight-inch replica of Ram Lalla at the site.

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Add to this the organised chanting of the Gita by an announced five lakh voices — Panch Lokkho Konthe Gita Path — and a marathon two-hour reading of the Quran, all within the span of roughly 40 hours from December 6 to December 7. These calls to the faithful of Islam and Hinduism were an unapologetic exercise in mass mobilisation, with the expectation that, come the 2026 elections, votes would be more firmly consolidated along religious lines. The instrumentalisation of religion for electoral gains is the BJP's reworked strategy to strengthen its appeal among wavering Hindu voters, dismayed and alarmed by the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls now underway, which also aims to identify "ghuspaithiyas" — illegal migrants. Contrary to expectations that Muslims in West Bengal would be seriously rattled by the SIR, it is, in fact, many Hindus — those who fled Bangladesh in large numbers before and after the 1971 war of liberation — who are apprehensive about their status as Indian citizens and voters.

The BJP's expectations are simple: temple replicas and Gita Path tactics are for a single purpose. As Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar asserted, "Hindus will have to unite if they want to protect their religion and culture." He elaborated further, "Hindus in Bengal are gradually becoming outsiders. Bengal decided to stay with India because Hindus needed a separate land for themselves."

The unprecedented investment in places of religious worship was explained by a BJP leader, "Humayun Kabir has been egged on by some people in the BJP. They believe Kabir will split Muslim votes to the disadvantage of the Trinamool Congress, creating a tiny chink through which the BJP can mobilise and consolidate Hindu votes along with Muslim dissidents."

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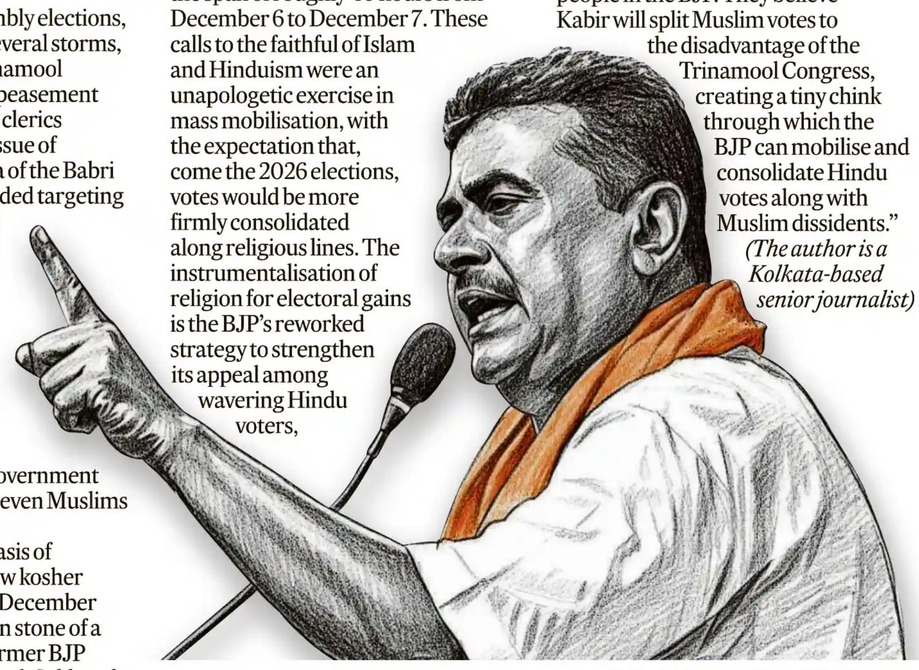

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

How the UN report on the planet got weakened

American officials joined Russia, Saudi Arabia and Iran in objecting to language on fossils fuels, biodiversity and plastics in a report that was three years in the making, writes Eric Niiler

The Trump administration sided with officials from Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iran in a successful effort to block part of a United Nations report about the dire state of the planet because it called for phasing out fossil fuels, switching to clean energy and reducing plastics, according to two participants.

The section targeted was a summary of the Global Environment Outlook 7, a 1,210-page report that translates scientific evidence collected and reviewed by 300 experts into plain language for use by governments worldwide. It was issued on Monday at the UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi.

It was the first time that countries failed to issue a "summary for policymakers" since the UN Environment Program began publishing outlook reports in 1997.

During negotiations over the document in October, the U.S. sided with Russia, Saudi Arabia and Iran to block the summary from being included, according to David Broadstock, a partner in the Lantau Group, an energy and environmental consulting firm with offices around the Asia-Pacific region, and Patrick Schröder, a senior research fellow at Chatham House, a research organization based in London.

The move was another indication of how sharply the Trump administration has reversed course on the environment. Under the Biden administration, the United States has made tackling climate change a top priority. It frequently clashed with oil-producing countries like Saudi Arabia over their approaches to global warming.

Some authors of the study blame U.S. officials for undermining the process by coming in at the last minute to voice opposition. The Trump administration did not send a delegation to the October meeting in Nairobi, where the report was assembled, but it did shape the outcome, according to Broadstock, who was a coordinating author for two of the report's 21 chapters and a negotiator in discussions of the summary for policymakers.

Delegates attend the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) in Nairobi, Kenya, on December 11. REUTERS

"Nonattendance does not mean a lack of influence," he said. "It means exertion of influence in a certain manner."

The US State Department did not respond to a request for comment.

It's the latest step by the Trump administration to undermine global climate policy. Shortly after returning to the office, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement, the 2015 pact in which nearly all countries agreed to cut greenhouse gas emissions to limit global warming. The administration was accused of using bullying tactics to block the October adoption of a landmark global measure that would have imposed a global pollution tax on the shipping industry. And the United States did not send a delegation to the COP30 climate summit in Brazil in November.

Governments use the summary for policymakers to help guide energy and environmental policies, Broadstock said. The UN report synthesised existing science on the harmful effects of climate change, air and water pollution, land degradation, biodiversity, and the growing threat of plastic waste.

In October, during final negotiations on the report, a U.S. State Department official called into a video conference with a roomful of negotiators in Nairobi, according to accounts from two participants.

The officer said the U.S. opposed the final language on climate change, the need to switch to clean energy, biodiversity, and the use of plastics, according to Schröder, who helped negotiate the report language and was present when the U.S. officer called.

"It felt a bit like a slap in the face, because the person who joined did not even turn on their camera," Schröder said.

The UN report, after three years of work, found that transitioning to clean energy and a cleaner environment could deliver global economic benefits of up to $20 trillion per year by 2070.

"Fossil fuels must be out," Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta, a co-chair of the outlook report and former environment minister of Costa Rica, said in a call with reporters before the report was made public.

"We have to explore more renewable sources, and we need the scientific community to explore more in new materials that would help us replace those that we are using at this moment," he said.

After objections from a U.S. official and from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia, and other oil- and gas-producing nations, the summary-for-policymakers language was dropped entirely rather than renegotiated.

Over the past two decades, the United States has acted as a referee of sorts on numerous global agreements. By refusing to participate in the negotiations and then objecting to the final language, the Trump administration is undermining the entire process, which bodes poorly for future international environmental agreements, according to Schröder.

The United States and other oil-producing countries "took their political red lines and then marked text that they didn't like," he said. "Although it was scientifically correct, they just wanted to have it removed."

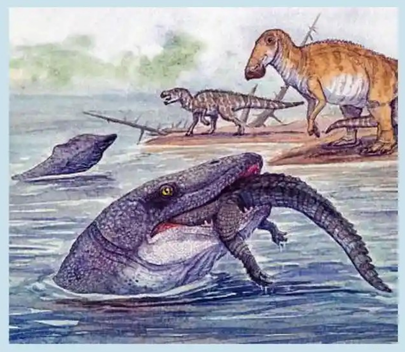
The New York Times

DID YOU KNOW?

First proof of mosasaur living in freshwaters

A 66-million-year-old tooth discovered in North Dakota suggests mosasaurs—gigantic marine reptiles that could reach 12 metres—may have hunted in rivers as well as seas. These extinct lizard-like creatures, recently featured in Jurassic World Rebirth, were apex marine predators during the Late Cretaceous period.

The finding represents potential first evidence of mosasaurs hunting freshwater prey in Hell Creek. While mosasaurs dominated shallow seas and various marine environments, remains in estuarine and freshwater settings challenge their traditional classification as strictly marine animals.



A reconstruction of the Hell Creek Mosasaur. CREDIT: CHRISTOPHER DIPIAZZA

Researchers from both sides of the Atlantic examined the fossilized tooth, discovered in 2022 in the Hell Creek Formation's river-like area, formerly connected to the ancient Western Interior Seaway. Melanie During from Uppsala University, Nathan Van Vranken from Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, and colleagues determined the tooth belongs to the Prognathodontini mosasaur group, based on surface texture similarities with other members. Previous research indicates prognathodontids possessed bulky skulls and powerful jaws for ocean hunting.

Isotope analysis of the tooth's enamel revealed oxygen and strontium signatures associated with freshwater environments. This suggests the mosasaur preyed on freshwater animals, indicating it could live and hunt away from the sea. The researchers found no evidence of transport, meaning the tooth's owner lived and died in Hell Creek—unprecedented for mosasaur teeth from this period in the region.

Additional analyses of older mosasaur teeth and other Western Interior Seaway animals revealed isotope concentrations more consistent with freshwater than seawater habitats. This indicates salt levels gradually decreased over time, with rainwater becoming predominant. "The isotopic evidence suggests the tooth was formed while the mosasaur lived in a freshwater setting, reflecting a broader trend of mosasaurs adapting to decreasing salinity in the basin," the researchers reported.

The authors hypothesise that Prognathodontini members were opportunistic predators occupying a niche similar to modern saltwater crocodiles. They likely adapted to freshwater environments responding to declining Western Interior Seaway salinity, subsequently entering Hell Creek's river channels as the seaway receded.

The study appeared in BMC Zoology on Friday.

- Kalyan Ray

FUSION FUTURE: Draft law, called SHANTI Bill, may be introduced in Parliament next week

Centre opens nuclear power to private sector

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved a groundbreaking Bill that seeks to open up the closely-guarded civil nuclear power sector to private players, which will have to play a larger role as India eyes 100 GW of nuclear power by 2047.

Named the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Bill, the draft legislation might be introduced in Parliament next week, said sources.

The Cabinet decision came 10 months after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced it in her budget speech.

For decades, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), several units under it, and public-sector undertaking Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCI) dominated India's nuclear power landscape. There was a legal blockage restricting the entry of private companies.

For private participation, the existing Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010, needed to be revised to regulate non-government firms, while ensuring international-quality safety and security standards.

It is not clear at the moment whether the SHANTI Bill would address all areas covered by the two existing laws or a second Bill would be needed.

A decade ago, the Atomic Energy Act was amended to allow joint ventures (JVs) among government companies to build, own, and operate nuclear power plants. The first JV was inked between NPCI and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

The first NPCIL-NTPC plant would be a 2,800-MW unit at Mahi Banswara in Rajasthan. Its foundation stone was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September.

The plant is expected to house four pressurised heavy water reactors of 700-MWe capacity each, and the first one will be ready in the next 6.5 years.

With India eyeing 100 GW of nuclear power by 2047, nearly 50% of the capacity is to come from the private sector.

This will require a robust financial model that includes government incentives, viability gap funding, and sovereign guarantees to attract both domestic and foreign investments.

The new law is expected to encourage private investment in nuclear-power generation.

The Bill comes at a time when scientists and engineers at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and NPCIL have been working together to develop the first batch of small modular reactors, which are considered the next big technology in nuclear power.

In 2020, the Modi government opened up the space sector, triggering a massive growth of startups making satellites, rockets, engineering products, and applications.

SHANTI BILL

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MGNREGA becomes Pujya Bapu Gramin Rojgar Yojna

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union Cabinet on Friday approved renaming the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to Pujya Bapu Gramin Rojgar Yojna.

The government will bring the Pujya Bapu Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Bill for MGNREGA, which will guarantee 125 days of work to the rural poor in a year. There is also a proposal to revise the minimum wage to Rs 240 per day.

The Union government will allocate Rs 1.51 lakh crore for the scheme, sources said.

The scheme was first introduced in 2005 as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), later renamed it as the MGNREGA in 2009.

The law is a social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to employment'.

It provides at least 100 days of guaranteed unskilled manual labour in a year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

At present, there are 154 million people working under the rural employment scheme. Around one-third of the beneficiaries are women.

Census 2027 to cost Rs 11,718 crore

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Setting the stage for what is described as the world's largest administrative and statistical exercise, the Centre on Friday approved Rs 11,718 crore for conducting the Census of India, 2027.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the proposal to conduct the Census which will be the first digital exercise of its kind, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The Census will be conducted in two phases — house listing and housing census from April to September 2026; and population enumeration (PE) in February 2027.

For Ladakh and snow-bound non-synchronous areas of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the PE exercise shall be conducted in September 2026, he said.

The Census 2027 will also capture caste data electronically in the PE phase, Vaishnaw said. Around 30 lakh enumerators will visit each and every household and canvass a separate questionnaire for house listing and housing census and population enumeration. It will generate 1.02 crore human days of employment, the minister said.

Use of an app for data collection and the central portal for monitoring purposes will ensure better quality data, Vaishnaw said.

Data dissemination will be much better and in a user-friendly way so that all queries on required parameters for policy-making will be available with a click of a button, he said.

Census-as-a-Service (CaaS) will deliver data to ministries in a clean, machine-readable and actionable format, he said.

Several new initiatives have been taken for the Census 2027, including data collection using mobile applications that will be available for both Android and iOS versions. A dedicated portal, namely the Census Management & Monitoring System (CMMS) portal, has been developed for managing and monitoring the entire census process on a real-time basis.

Another innovation for Census 2027 is the HLB Creator web map application to be used by the charge officers. Option to self-enumerate will be provided to the public, suitable security features have been provisioned for this mammoth digital operation, said a statement.

Efforts will also be made to disseminate Census results with more customised visualisation tools. Data sharing to all, up to the lowest administrative unit i.e. village/ward level, the statement said.

GET COUNTED

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- 30 lakh enumerators will visit every household with separate questionnaires for both phases.
- A real-time Census Management & Monitoring System portal has been developed to manage and monitor the process.

No allocation for National Population Register

Unlike 2019, the statement does not mention a separate budgetary allocation for updating the National Population Register (NPR), which is the first step for the creation of a countrywide National Register of Citizens.

Approval to repeal 71 laws that outlived utility

The Union Cabinet on Friday cleared a Bill to repeal 71 laws which have outlived their utility in the statute books, officials said, reports PTI.

Out of the 71 laws, 65 are amendments to principal Acts and six are principal laws.

At least one law proposed to be repealed is of the British era, the officials said.

The proposed repeal and amendment Bill is not aimed at striking off colonial laws but to remove Acts which have outlived their utility, an official said. "Once an amendment is passed by Parliament, it gets subsumed in the principal law. It then only clutters the statute books. Its use has ended but it still exists, creating confusion," an official explained.

So far, 1,562 old archaic laws have been repealed.

Once the proposed Bill gets Parliament's nod, the total number of laws to get repealed will stand at 1,633.

Since May 2014, the Narendra Modi-led government has been consistently repealing colonial era, archaic and obsolete laws to declutter statute books.

Nod for exporting coal up to 50% of received allocation

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Centre on Friday announced a new policy CoalSETU, under which the government allows linkage holders to export up to 50% of coal capacity.

"The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Policy for Auction of Coal Linkage for Seamless, Efficient & Transparent Utilisation (CoalSETU)," Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

This is part of a series of coal sector reforms being undertaken by the government. This policy is meant to make coal supply smoother, efficient, and more transparent, the minister said.

The policy will allow allocation of coal linkages on an auction basis on long-term use for any industrial use and export by adding a separate window named CoalSETU in the NRS (Non-Regulated Sector) Linkage Auction Policy of 2016, wherein any domestic buyer requiring coal can participate in the linkage auction, Vaishnaw said.

The coal linkage holders may flexibly utilise the coal obtained under this window as per their requirement amongst its group companies.

The minister further said, Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan have immediate requirements of coal which can be met from this export policy.

However, he clarified that coking coal, which is used mainly by steel plants, will not be sold through this window.

SC bins plea challenging its RTE Act decision; slaps Rs 1L fine

NEW DELHI, PTI: Don't bring down the judiciary by filing such cases, the Supreme Court on Friday remarked while expressing strong displeasure over a plea challenging its earlier decision granting exemption to minority schools from the provisions of the Right to Education Act.

Imposing a cost of Rs 1 lakh on the petitioner, a bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and R Mahadevan said, "Let this be a message to others".

"You cannot do this to the Supreme Court. We are enraged. This is against the entire system of judiciary in this country if you start filing such cases. You don't know the seriousness of your case. We are restraining ourselves to 1 lakh cost," the court said.

4 charged with Zubeen's murder

The SIT submitted 3,500-page chargesheets

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

SIT officials carrying a trunk that contains statements from nearly 300 individuals related to the Zubeen Garg death case arrive at a court, in Guwahati, on Friday. PTI

The Assam CID Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the death of cultural icon Zubeen Garg on Friday charged four accused with murder in its chargesheets filed in a court here.

The SIT, headed by CID Special DG Munna Prasad Gupta, submitted the chargesheets, running over 3,500 pages along with enclosures, before the court of the Kamrup (Metro) chief judicial magistrate in Guwahati.

The charges

CID sources said the four accused — Zubeen's manager Siddhartha Sharma; Northeast India Festival in Singapore organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta; and his bandmates Shekhar Goswami and Amritprabha Mahanta — have been charged under Section 103 (murder) and Section 106 (causing death by negligence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Zubeen's cousin, police officer Sandipan Garg, has been charged under BNS Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder).

Charges of criminal breach of trust under BNS Section 316 have been imposed on Shyamkanu, Siddhartha and Zubeen's PSOs Nandeswar Bora and Paresh Baishya, sources added.

The SIT has arrested seven persons and questioned over 300 people, including his family, friends, bandmates, fans, and Assamese NRIs in Singapore, during the investigation.

One regulator for higher education okayed

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union Cabinet on Friday cleared a legislation that moots for the merger of higher education bodies like the University Grants Commission as well as the All India Council for Technical Education into one higher education regulator.

The Bill, earlier known as the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) Bill, has now been renamed as Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan Bill.

The new Bill will have four verticals – the National Higher Education Regulatory Council, the National Accreditation Council, the General Education Council and the Higher Education Grants Council.

Currently, the UGC regulates all streams of education barring technical education and medical education; AICTE regulates technical education and NCTE oversees planning and teacher education.

EDUCATION BILL

- Bill to set up a higher education regulator which will replace bodies such as the UGC and AICTE approved
- Proposed legislation which was earlier known as HECI Bill will now be called Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan Bill
- Medical and law colleges will not be brought under its ambit

"The bill to set up Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhikshan has been approved by the Cabinet," an official said.

The merger skips medical and law colleges, which will not be brought under its ambit.

This is the second time that a legislation for the merger of higher education bodies has been mooted.

In 2018, the education ministry issued a draft bill, the Higher Education Commission of India (Repeal of University Grants Commission Act), for public feedback. However, the Bill was never introduced.

Work on a second Bill started in 2021-22 with the ministry of education, UGC and AICTE working together on the draft legislation. The NEP also mandates a body like the HECI.

Underlining the relevance of a single higher education regulator, the NEP-2020 document says, "The regulatory system is in need of a complete overhaul in order to re-energise the higher education sector and enable it to thrive."

It said that the new system should ensure the distinct functions of regulation, accreditation, funding and academic standard setting are performed by distinct, independent and empowered bodies.

(With PTI inputs)

Central govt hikes copra MSP by at least Rs 400 per quintal

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday okayed a hike in copra's Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 2026.

The MSP for Fair Average Quality of milling copra has been fixed at Rs 12,027 per quintal and at Rs 12,500 per quintal for ball copra. This is an increase of Rs 445 per quintal for milling copra and Rs 400 per quintal for ball copra over the previous season, a statement said.

The Centre said it had hiked the MSP for milling copra and ball copra from Rs 5,250 per quintal and Rs 5,500 per quintal for the 2014 marketing season by 129% and 127%, respectively.

In the 2018-19 Union Budget, the Central government announced that the MSP for all mandated crops would be fixed at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production to provide remunerative prices to cultivators.

9 pilgrims die as bus falls into gorge in Andhra

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HYDERABAD, DHNS

Rescue work underway after the bus accident on Friday. PTI

At least nine people were killed and 22 others injured after a bus plunged into a gorge while negotiating a sharp turn on the Maredumilli–Bhadrachalam ghat road in Andhra Pradesh's Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) district early Friday. The passengers were asleep during the mishap.

According to police, the bus, operated by a travel company, was carrying 37 people, including the driver and cleaner. Six passengers escaped unhurt.

The group was on a pilgrimage, visiting several temples and holy sites across north Andhra Pradesh since December 6. Early on Friday morning, they left Araku for Bhadrachalam to visit the famous Sri Seetharama temple.

Dense fog and poor visibility in the early morning hours, coupled with low temperatures of around 3–4°C in the Maredumilli Agency area, are believed to have contributed to the accident. Officials said the death toll could rise as several passengers remain in critical condition.

The injured were taken to a hospital in Chinturu, while those requiring advanced care were transferred to facilities in Bhadrachalam and Khammam, according to district SP Amit Bardar.

District Collector Dinesh Kumar added that the process of identifying the victims is underway. Chittoor district Collector Sumit Kumar also coordinated with his ASR counterpart to oversee rescue operations.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed deep sorrow over the incident and directed officials to provide immediate medical care to the injured. He also instructed senior officers to visit the site and monitor relief measures.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was deeply distressed by the loss of lives and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families. The Prime Minister's Office announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each for the injured from the PM's National Relief Fund.

Rescue teams from Maredumilli and Chinturu police stations arrived at the site and were assisted by locals during the operation.

One survivor recounted that the group had set out from Chittoor on December 6 for a temple tour across north Andhra Pradesh.

Shivraj Patil, Congress stalwart and gentleman politician, dies at 90

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Shivraj Patil (1935-2025)

Veteran Congressman and former Lok Sabha Speaker Shivraj Patil Chakurkar passed away at his residence in Latur district, Maharashtra, on Friday. He was 90.

He is survived by his son Shailesh Patil, daughter-in-law Archana Patil — a BJP leader — and two granddaughters. His last rites will be performed on Saturday.

Over the course of his career, the soft-spoken and dignified Patil served nine terms as Lok Sabha MP from Latur and once as Rajya Sabha MP. He held several key positions, including Minister of State for Defence, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Union Home Minister and Governor of Punjab, apart from presiding over the Lok Sabha as Speaker.

A staunch Gandhi-family loyalist, Patil was compelled to resign as Home Minister in the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, after the BJP-led Opposition NDA mounted sharp criticism of the police and security machinery.

Lingayat leader

Patil hailed from the Panchamasali Lingayat community in Karnataka. Known for his impeccable sense of style, Patil was often seen in bandh-gala suits, with a carefully groomed hairstyle. Yet beyond appearances, he was admired for his cultured demeanour. He never treated political rivals as enemies and spoke with authority on a wide range of subjects.

Born on October 12, 1935, in Chakur in the Latur district of the Marathwada region — then part of the princely state of Hyderabad — Patil pursued a degree in science from Osmania University before studying law at Bombay University.

His political journey began as president of the Latur municipality (1966-1970). He was later elected as an MLA for two terms. Between 1977 and 1979, he held the posts of Deputy Speaker and subsequently Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. Patil earned respect across party lines for his ability to engage with crucial issues with clarity.

Patil's command over Marathi, English and Hindi, coupled with his exceptional grasp of constitutional matters, made him one of the most respected parliamentarians of his era.

We are completely immune: SC on media narratives

NEW DELHI, PTI: Observing that half-baked truth and ill-informed running commentary on sub-judice cases affect public perception, the Supreme Court on Friday asserted that it is "completely immune" from reporting of cases for the sake of publicity or narrative building.

The observations were made by a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi during the hearing of a case concerning the repatriation of certain individuals deported to Bangladesh, when Solicitor General Tushar Mehta took strong exception to a news article published in an English daily on the issue.

"There is a concurrent and simultaneous narrative-building exercise going on. I am sure it does not affect your lordships. There are certain tabloids which are normally known and used for narrative building exercises. Unfortunately, today, to my amazement and shock, I read a front page story in a reputable and dependable newspaper like..., it must have escaped the editorial attention," the law officer said.

During the proceedings, the court was informed that Sunali Khatun, a pregnant woman, and her eight-year old son have come back to India and currently, she is getting medical attention at her father's residence in Birbhum in West Bengal.

The bench fixed January 6 to hear the Centre's appeal against a Calcutta High Court judgment that directed the repatriation of certain individuals deported to Bangladesh on the alleged ground that the due process was not followed.

"We are completely immune from publicity and pseudo-publicity stunts. Narratives should not affect the lives of individuals," Justice Bagchi said, adding that the judges hardly get time to see newspapers.

The CJI assured the law officer saying, "we do not accept pleadings which are outside."

'Something wrong': SC flags concerns over HC order in Karur stampede

Upholds the suspension of one-man enquiry commission

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Supreme Court on Friday turned down Tamil Nadu government's plea to modify its order suspending a one-man enquiry commission and the SIT to look into the Karur stampede in which 41 people were killed, saying, "We want everything to be fair and impartial."

A bench of justices JK Maheswari and Vijay Bishnoi also took a critical view of the report filed by the registrar general of the Madras High Court, saying, "There is something wrong going on in the high court. This is not the right thing that is happening in the high court."

On October 13, the top court ordered a CBI probe into the Karur stampede, which occurred during a rally of actor-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) on September 27, saying that the incident has shaken the national conscience and deserves a fair and impartial investigation.

In its order on a plea by TVK for an independent probe, the top court had set up a three-member supervisory committee headed by former apex court judge Ajay Rastogi to monitor the CBI investigation and suspended the directions for the appointment of SIT and a one-man enquiry commission.

It had also criticised Justice N Senthilkumar of the Madras High Court for entertaining petitions on the incident, ordering an SIT probe and making observations against TVK and its members without making them a party to the case.

On Friday, during the hearing, senior advocate P Wilson, appearing for the Tamil Nadu government, submitted that the state's commission will not interfere with the CBI probe and will confine itself to giving recommendations to prevent such incidents.

The bench told Wilson to read the notification appointing the commission and said, "We want everything to be fair and impartial".

The bench did not issue notice on the plea or vacated its interim order of October 13. It said it has perused the report sent by the registrar general of the high court on how a writ petition seeking SOP for rallies was registered as a criminal writ petition.

Wilson and senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, also appearing for the state, sought a copy of the registrar general's report, saying they would like to file a reply.

It issued notice on a fresh plea filed by one KK Ramesh on the Karur stampede issue and posted the matter for final hearing.

'Should we relocate everyone to moon?' SC bins plea on quakes

NEW DELHI, PTI: "So we should relocate everyone to the moon or where?" the Supreme Court asked on Friday while dismissing a petition that said 75% of India's population was in a high seismic zone and sought directions to the authorities to minimise damage from earthquakes.

The petitioner, who was appearing in person, told a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that it was earlier considered that only Delhi was in the high seismic zone, but recently it was concluded that 75% of the Indian population falls under it.

"So we should relocate everyone to the moon or where?" the bench asked.

The petitioner said there was a big earthquake in Japan recently.

"First, we have to bring volcanoes into this country, then we can compare it with Japan," the bench said.

The petitioner said the authorities should make arrangements to minimise damage if an earthquake struck. "That is for the government to take care (of); this court cannot do it. Dismissed," the bench said.

On news reports

At the outset, the petitioner said there had been a lot of information recently that was relevant to his petition.

The bench said these were all policy matters for the government to take care of.

When the petitioner referred to some media reports, the bench observed, "These are newspaper reports. We are not bothered about them."

T'gana phone-tapping case: Former SIB chief surrenders

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

Ex-SIB chief of Telangana, T Prabhakar Rao (R), arrives to surrender before the police in Hyderabad on Friday. PTI

Following a Supreme Court directive, former Telangana Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) chief T Prabhakar Rao surrendered before a Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Friday morning in Hyderabad in connection with the alleged phone-tapping case during the previous BRS regime. The SIT subsequently began its custodial interrogation of him.

The Supreme Court on Thursday instructed him to surrender immediately and cooperate with investigators.

An apex court bench headed by Justice B V Nagaratnam also directed the SIT to ensure his safety in custody, prohibited the use of any third-degree methods, and allowed him to receive home-cooked food.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for December 19.

During interrogation, the probe team reportedly questioned Prabhakar Rao on several key aspects. He also reportedly provided the SIT access to his cloud storage.

It is understood that the SIT found several crucial documents and digital files there, which are now being examined.

Sources said the SIT was focusing on understanding why and at whose behest the phones of several political leaders and businessmen were tapped without approval from the mandated review committee.

The first appearance of Rao — the prime accused in the sensational phone-tapping case — before the SIT came in January this year, nearly 14 months after an FIR was registered regarding alleged surveillance activities during the BRS regime. Until then, Rao had evaded SIT notices while staying in the United States.

Apex court stays Kerala HC order declaring Munambam land not waqf property

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed the Kerala High Court order that said notifying the Munambam land as waqf was a "land-grabbing tactic of the Kerala Waqf Board" and ordered status quo over the property in dispute.

A bench of Justices Manoj Misra and Ujjal Bhuyan, however, clarified that it has not stayed the direction of the high court upholding the government order appointing an inquiry commission to ascertain ownership of the disputed area.

The dispute concerns the villages of Cherai and Munambam in Ernakulam district, where residents have alleged that the Waqf Board was unlawfully claiming their land and properties, despite them holding registered deeds and land tax payment receipts.

The top court issued a notice to the Kerala government and sought its response to a plea filed by the Kerala Waqf Samrakshana Vedi challenging the October 10 order of the HC on the 404-acre property.

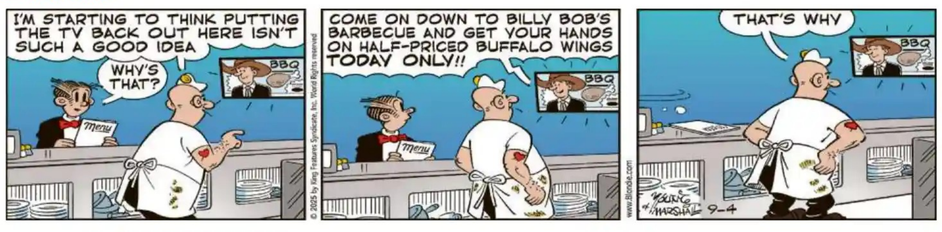
Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the petitioner, said the high court has erred in its observations by going into the issues that are to be dealt with by the Waqf Tribunal, and remarks on the validity of the Waqf deed were unwarranted, as it was not the issue involved.

He said the case before the HC was a challenge to the setting up of an inquiry commission by the state to look into the validity of the Waqf deed and the nature of the land, the two issues that are exclusively within the domain of the Waqf Tribunal.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie


I'M STARTING TO THINK PUTTING THE TV BACK OUT HERE ISN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA
WHY'S THAT?
COME ON DOWN TO BILLY BOB'S BARBECUE AND GET YOUR HANDS ON HALF-PRICED BUFFALO WINGS TODAY ONLY!!
THAT'S WHY
BBQ
Menu

Beetle Bailey

THEIR ACE PITCHER IS ON THE INJURED LIST
WITH WHAT?
AND NOW, THE STARTING LINEUP...
HOW DID YOU TEAR YOUR ULNAR COLLATERAL LIGAMENT?
GREG + MORT WALKER

Marvin

Hagar The Horrible

I DID BAD STUFF AGAIN!
I'LL GIVE YOU THE BEST LEGAL DEFENSE! WE CAN ONLY HOPE THE COURT FINDS YOU INNOCENT!
I WAS HOPING WE COULD FIND A PLACE WHERE THE COURT COULDN'T FIND ME AT ALL!

Peanuts

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SEGTU

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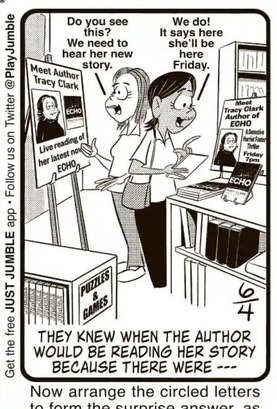
Do you see this? We need to hear her new story.
We do! It says here she'll be here Friday.
Meet Author Tracy Clark
Live reading of her latest novel
ECHO
PUZZLES & GAMES
6/4
THEY KNEW WHEN THE AUTHOR WOULD BE READING HER STORY BECAUSE THERE WERE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PETTY ADAPT BOUNCE SOCIAL
Answer: He didn't mind his buddy showing off his new spear, — UP TO A POINT

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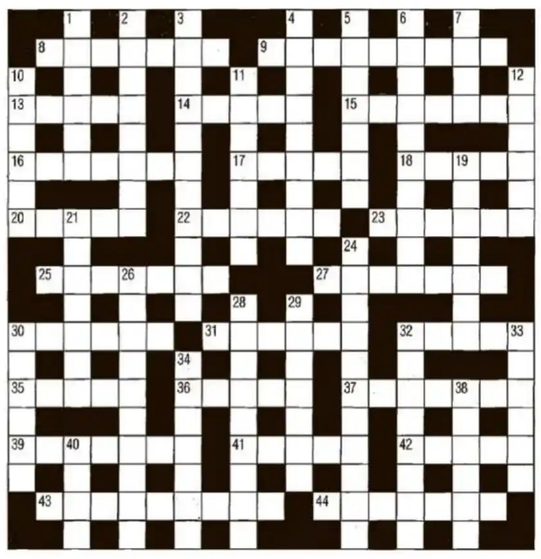

ACROSS

8 Zealot (7)
9 Diagram (9)
13 Light wood (5)
14 Dutch cheese (5)
15 Fugitive (7)
16 Welsh capital (7)
17 Soil (5)
18 Month (5)
20 Shiny material (5)
22 Girl's name (6)
23 Concord (6)
25 Get undressed (7)
27 Large rock (7)
30 Heavenly messengers (6)
31 Far-off (6)
32 Records (5)
35 Breed of dog (5)
36 Arbour (5)
37 Prove adequate (7)
39 Journeys (7)
41 Wireless (5)
42 Din (5)
43 Dislike (9)
44 Law (7)

DOWN

1 Adapt (6)
2 Holiday (8)
3 Playing card (4,2,5)
4 Seabird (9)
5 Dark-coloured (7)
6 Marvellous (10)
7 Forehead (4)
10 Counting frame (6)
11 Melodic (7)
12 Snake (6)
19 Slices of bacon (7)
21 Firing device (7)
24 Underwear (5,6)
26 Kitchen utensil (7,3)
28 Fit to sail (9)
29 Rust (7)
30 Recess (6)
32 Certain (8)
33 Hi-fi system (6)
34 Awful (7)
38 Fools (6)
40 Pull (4)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS

8 Awful to-do. A child outside gets trampled under foot (5,2)
9 Two chaps - one just like yourself (6,3)
13 Sign for the note in foreign currency (5)
14 Signals with the lights (5)
15 Meant to change the silver lining to a reddish purple (7)
16 With a heart transplant, be about to show life (7)
17 Are breaking it in for him (5)
18 Time to turn the key I inserted in it (5)
20 Search clean everywhere? (5)
22 Give a bow and get set to run through (6)
23 Mean I will get, in the post (6)
25 Go back again and sign on (7)
27 Having consumed the food, the animals, in turn, seem dizzy (7)
30 You've misspelled "blue," squire! (6)
31 A wrench, just when the pair's got a break point (6)
32 Said to be careful, it's booby-trapped (5)
35 Don't save, but pass, one's time (5)
36 Is chock-a-block with people playing games, we're told (5)
37 Get rid of only an old instrument (7)
39 For me, cooking a crab in it would be gruesome (7)
41 See and set free what got caught in it (5)
42 They're intended for dogs - pointers (5)
43 Lacking a cryptic clue for "tiny" (9)
44 Agree to take a look at and be delighted by (7)

DOWN

1 Blast! Lost the key to the building! (6)
2 Just as shiny as before, but we don't mind (2,6)
3 Returns immediately to a rear view of the stand-in (7,4)
4 Feeling a huge success (9)
5 Breaking the rules, the doctor goes in for a rest (7)
6 Very self-confident, wags frenziedly when given a gingersnap (10)
7 The chief chap, I introduced (4)
10 Be chopping logs, going round in circles (6)
11 The queasiness is bad: the sea I find rough (7)
12 Sales talk - and he's ingratiating himself with the dog (6)
19 The cheek, bundling one onto the ship! (7)
21 Manage to get across and to meet with (7)
24 How close the would-be thief is to the jeweller's window? (6-5)
26 Ringing twice from the fairground (10)
28 The plant, a weed, spreads in a while (9)
29 Dogs are best trained when small in it (7)
30 Continue to think, having turned in, about (6)
32 Certainly not a big reduction (4,4)
33 Try on the denim top but don't like it (6)
34 Eke out for a while (7)
38 From very bright to b..... wet! (6)
40 Crack shot (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12308

CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 1, Ap-pal 6, Spare 9, Situate 10, Twist 11, Rainy 12, Habit 13, Refrain 15, Aha 17, Heat 18, Senior 19, Scots 20, Drench 22, Fete 24, Aid 25, Pleaded 26, Ducal 27, FA Cup 28, Atlas 29, All-e.g.-R-O 30, Od-I-le 31, T-ruth.
DOWN: 2, Pawnee 3, Assert 4, L-it 5, Human 6, Strides 7, Peat 8, Ranch-O 12, Hitch 13, Rh-O-da 14, Fated 15, AI-med. 16, Armed 18, Stal-L 19, Scruple 21, Ribald 22, F-act-or 23, Tenant 25, Pan-el 26, Dual 28, Art.

EASY

ACROSS: 1, Leash 6, Nitre 9, Titular 10, Court 11, Tasty 12, Begun 13, Piebald 15, Lit 17, Acre 18, Marina 19, Snail 20, Ironed 22, Sire 24, Car 25, Shatter 26, Rivet 27, Bison 28, Locum 29, Battled 30, Sheer 31, Defer.
DOWN: 2, Erotic 3, Strobe 4, Hit 5, Muted 6, Natural 7, Iran 8, Retain 12, Blend 13, Panic 14, Error 15, Limit 16, Taper 18, Might 19, Seminar 21, Ravish 22, Strode 23, Rebuke 25, Seats 26, Robe 28, Led.

◆SU-DO-KU-6776◆

	1		5		7		4	
				2		6	3	
					3		7	
	7	3			8	9		
		4				5		
		9	1			7	6	
	9		8					
	8	5		4				
	3		2		9		5	

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SOLUTION TO 6775

4	8	3	1	9	7	5	6	2
7	6	9	2	5	3	4	8	1
1	2	5	6	4	8	9	7	3
3	9	7	4	1	5	8	2	6
8	4	1	7	2	6	3	9	5
2	5	6	3	8	9	7	1	4
6	3	2	8	7	4	1	5	9
9	1	8	5	3	2	6	4	7
5	7	4	9	6	1	2	3	8

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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E1 U1 I1 U1 Q10 R1 L1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 1
U1 U1 Y4 M3 B3 L1 D2 — Triple Word Score — RACK 2
A1 E1 C3 P3 L1 S1 D2 — Triple Word Score — RACK 3
D2 D2 N1 M3 A1 A1 E1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 200-210
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

S1 N1 A1 R1 K5 Y4 — RACK 1 = 23
L1 A1 B3 A1 R1 U1 M3 — RACK 2 = 61
S1 C3 R1 A1 W4 N1 Y4 — RACK 3 = 95
B3 A1 R1 T1 E1 R1 — RACK 4 = 16
PAR SCORE 125-135 — JUDD'S TOTAL = 195

HITORI-3230

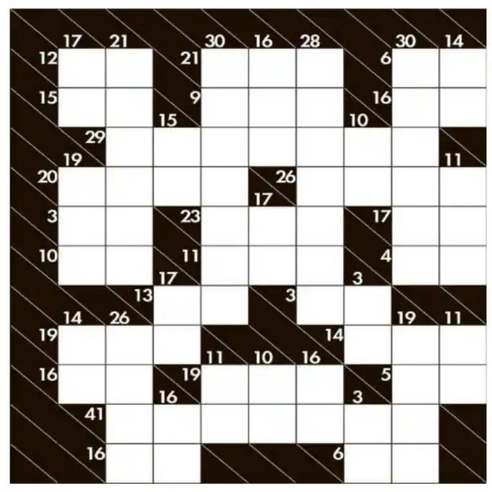
7	8	1	3	4	4	2	4
4	4	2	1	4	7	6	5
8	4	4	2	7	6	3	1
3	4	7	1	6	1	4	8
2	7	6	4	8	3	1	3
4	1	3	4	5	4	7	6
1	3	4	7	2	5	4	4
4	5	8	6	7	3	7	4

SOLUTION TO 3229

■	4	■	8	2	■	1	3
6	5	4	1	8	7	3	■
■	7	1	■	5	■	2	6
2	3	■	7	1	6	■	8
7	■	2	6	■	1	8	■
3	1	8	■	6	■	5	2
■	8	■	4	3	2	6	5
8	2	6	3	■	5	■	4

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3230



SOLUTION TO 3229

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3764

■	6			9	3		1	■
	■			8			■	
4		9	2			■		
9			1		■		7	
			7	2				
8			■		■	6	9	
6		■				7		
	■						■	
1			8	4			5	■

SOLUTION TO 3763

3	7	9	1	4	2	8	6	5
1	5	4	6	8	9	3	7	2
2	8	6	7	5	3	1	4	9
9	4	3	2	7	6	5	1	8
7	2	1	5	9	8	4	3	6
5	6	8	4	3	1	9	2	7
6	9	2	8	1	4	7	5	3
4	3	5	9	2	7	6	8	1
8	1	7	3	6	5	2	9	4

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

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भाग II—खण्ड 3—उप-खण्ड (ii)
PART II—Section 3—Sub-section (ii)

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi the 17th November, 2025

S.O. 5217(E).— Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 2940(E) Dated:30/06/2025 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,) Maintenance, management and operation of NH548B in the stretch of land from Km. 140.200 (Near Chikkodi) to Km. 167.326 (at Gotur) (Vijayapur Sankeshwar Section) in the district of BELAGAVI in the state of KARNATAKA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Deccan Herald" dated 10/07/2025 , "Prajavani " dated 10/07/2025 ; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 140.200 (Near Chikkodi) to Km. 167.326 (at Gotur) (Vijayapur Sankeshwar Section) of NH 548B in the state of KARNATAKA

State: KARNATAKA **District: BELAGAVI**

Sl. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area(in Hectares)	Name of Land Owner/ Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Chikkodi					Village: Chikkodi
1	117	Private	Wet	0.016044	Pujari Mahadeva Kallappa 117/1
2	117	Private	Wet	0.025428	Pujari Lagama Kallappa 117/2
3	117	Private	Wet	0.024018	Pujari Basavaraj Kallappa 117/3
4	117	Private	Wet	0.138938	Pujari Chandrasekhara Lagama 117/4
5	117	Private	Wet	0.01431	Pujari Ashok Balappa 117/5
6	117	Private	Wet	0.001709	Pujari Appasaba Balappa 117/6
7	122	Private	Wet	0.067725	Channavar Maruti Bassappa, Channavar kakasab Bassappa, sindimarad Lagamavva Sidappa, Channavar Shobha Appasab, Channavar Magadevi Ravasab 122/1
8	122	Private	Wet	0.023114	Dodamani Anil Maruti 122/2K/2
9	122	Private	Wet	0.064829	Dodamani Ramesh Mahadeva 122/3
10	122	Private	Wet	0.0955662	Dodamani Sadashiva Mahadeva 122/5
11	122	Private	Wet	0.02986	Dodamani Sadashiva Mahadeva 122/6
12	122	Private	Wet	0.004903	Jogale Bharata Mahadeva 122/8
13	124	Private	Wet	0.0003519	Siddannavar Shantappa Krishna, Siddannavar Krishnappa Peerappa 124/1A,1B
14	125	Private	Dry	0.0803593	Vijaya Balagowda Patil 125/1
15	126	Private	Dry	0.008868	Madhale Kallappa Appiah 126/1A
16	126	Private	Dry	0.011618	Malage Ningappa Rudrappa 126/1B
17	126	Private	Dry	0.006233	Bhandarakara Krishna Bashkara Krishna 126/1C
18	126	Private	Dry	0.0014	Damannavar Devappa Maruti, Dhamannavara Srimanti Santrama, Dhamannavara Vilas Basavant, Ghatti Aparai Yallappa, Havappagola Sulabai Lagamanna, Damannavara Nagavva Chidananda 126/2B
19	126	Private	Dry	0.000837	Bareda K.Dararu 126/1D, 126/2A
20	196	Private	Wet	0.001122	Graveyard for P.Ja/P.P.Samaj of Halatti village 196/3
21	196	Private	Wet	0.025882	Kulkarni Prasada Ananth 196/27
22	197	Private	Dry	0.396109	Channavara Mahadeva Basappa 197/*
23	201	Private	Wet	0.2839856	Channavara Mahadeva Basappa 201/1
24	217	Private	Dry	0.0255511	Patila Sakalata Mahmadamira, Kuradekara Satish Govinda Rao 217/*
25	226	Private	Wet	0.0460421	Damannavar Rayappa Santa 226/1
26	241	Private	Dry	0.0009089	Dhangera Beerappa Siddappa, Shamanewadi Ashoka Basappa, Dhangera Beerappa Siddappa, Pujari Kempavva Appiah 241/1,2
27	38	Govt	Dry	0.091549	Government Land 38
28	44	Private	Wet	0.003709	Madiga Govinda Yellappa, Madiga Baalu Shivalinga,Hullennavar Balu Shivaling,Kattimani Anuradha Manohar,Hulennavar Shivaji Dundappa 44
29	54	Private	Wet	0.0006508	Kattimani Anuradha Manohar 54/7
30	61	Private	Wet	0.036555	Kamate Sadashiva Rachappa, Kamathe Pradhani Rachappa, Kamate Sadashiva Rachappa, Badigera Savitri Ramachandra, Badigera Malu Annappa 61/1
31	62	Private	Dry	0.0079471	Bahubali Adappa Danavade 62/*
32	63	Private	Dry	0.0362641	President Social Club Chikkodi 63/*
Village: Karoshi					
33	112	Private	Wet	0.0033281	Abhishek Nandeppa Patil 112/2
34	114	Private	Wet	0.0117452	Shingai Yallappa Basappa, Salunke Ashoka Sankara, Jogale Bharata Mahadeva 114/2A,2B
35	115	Private	Wet	0.002884	Dharmara Anand Venkappa 115/*
36	134	Private	Dry	0.037203	Dattawade Shankara Murari 134/17
37	134	Private	Dry	0.0202992	Kumar Maddeppa Dangera alias Kurbara 134/22
38	135	Private	Wet	0.0236494	Kurubara Kadappa Siddappa 135/1
39	145	Private	Dry	0.103773	Kurabar Urf Dhangera Sankara Murageppa 145/3
40	145	Private	Dry	0.018842	Siddappa Maddeppa Dangera alis Kurabara 145/11
41	146	Private	Dry	0.210126	Kurabara alias Dangera Murari Sripanna 146/1
42	146	Private	Dry	0.010117	Bannanavar Shanta Kallapa 146/2
43	146	Private	Dry	0.005181	Dangera alias Kurabara Sidrama Maddappa, Sidrama Maddappa Dangera alias Kurabara 146/4
44	146	Private	Dry	0.081621	Kurabara U Dangera Revappa Muragappa 146/3
Village: Jainapur					
45	106	Private	Wet	0.124919	Deve Gowda Lakhmagowda Patil 106/2
46	106	Private	Wet	0.036161	Sidagowda Devegowda Patil 106/3
47	107	Private	Wet	0.0662828	Bhakare Mallavva Kakasaba Bhakre Appanna Shivrudra Bhakare Ningappa Shivrudra, Bakare Suresh Bhakare Ratnavva Erappa 107/1,2+3+4+5/A, 2+3+ 4+5/B
48	117	Private	Wet	0.0030532	Talaginamani Rama Gowda Basagowda117/2
49	118	Private	Wet	0.0091059	Majalatti Kadappa Basaprabhu Majalatti Basappa Sivalinga Majalatti Sankara Basappa 118*
50	119	Private	Dry	0.002219	Khanapure Satappa Tammanna 119/1
51	121	Private	Wet	0.0123209	Bakare Raju Mallappa 121/1
52	238	Private	Dry	0.0149037	Shiragannavara Bhima Yallappa, Shiragannavara Ramappa Lakshmana238/5
53	243	Private	Dry	0.238983	"Hirabale lagamavva kon Lakshmana Hirabale Tayappa Adopted Santhrama Hirabale Basappa Rama Hirabale Lakshmana Satappa Hirabale Basappa Rama Hirabale Basappa Satappa Hirebale Shidrama Adiveppa Hirabale lagamavva kon Lakshmana Hirabale Basappa Satappa Hirabale lagamavva kon Lakshmana Hirabale Tayappa Adopted Santhrama Hirabale Basappa Rama Hirabale lagamavva kon Lakshmana Hirabale Tayappa Adopted Santhrama Hirabale Lakshmana Satappa Hirabale Basappa Satappa Hirabale Lakshmana Satappa Hirabale Basappa Satappa Hirabale Shidrama Adiveppa Hirabale Basappa Rama Hirabale lagamavva kon Lakshmana Hirabale Tayappa Adopted Santhrama Shiragannavara Sattappa Shivarai Hirabale lagamavva kon Lakshmana Hirabale Tayappa Adopted Santhrama Hirabale Basappa Rama Hirabale Shidrama Adiveppa Shiragannavara Satteppa Shivarai Hirabale Lakshmana Sattappa 243/1 243/2 243/3 243/4 243/5 243/6 243/7 243/8 243/9 243/10 243/11A 243/11B 243/11K 243/12 243/13 243/14 243/15A 243/15B 243/16 243/17 243/18 243/19 243/20 243/21"
54	244	Private	Dry	0.104215	Shiragannavara Sattappa Shivarai 244/1K
55	244	Private	Dry	0.027674	Shiragannavara Sattappa Shivarai 244/1I
56	244	Private	Dry	0.21396	Pathana Ramappa Basappa Patila Hanamanth Santhrama Patil Dasharatha Yallappa Patil Marthanda Shidagowda Pujari Sattappa Ningappa 244/2
57	246	Private	Wet	0.0069459	Shiragannavar Satteppa Lagama Hanbara urf Belikatti Shivalinga Annappa Jadhav Shivaji Rama Hirabale Tayappas Ta Santhrama Hirabale Basappa Rama 246/1,2,3,
58	248	Private	Wet	0.0167349	Mangaj Maruti Parabu, Mangaji Dundappa Babu 248/2
59	256	Private	Dry	0.0040945	Solabannavara Basagouda Shivappa 256/10
60	257	Private	Wet	0.0181196	Topugola Ramagowda Dundappa 257/6
61	263	Private	Wet	0.0029222	Sankeshwari Babu Satteppa, Sankeswari Raju Doddanagappa, Topogola Durandundi Erapanna, Durandundi Erapanna Topogola 263/*
62	266	Private	Wet	0.0118463	Gurav Duradundi Rayappa 266/A/1
63	268	Private	Wet	0.0122552	Gurav Dundappa Ramappa, Gurav Duradundi Rayappa 268/*
64	284	Private	Dry	0.0001583	Mangaj Laksham Mallappa, Mangaj parappa ningappa 284/1
65	286	Private	Wet	0.034273	mngj Ramappa Bassappa, Mangaja Dundappa Gangarama, Mangaja Annappa Mallappa, Mangaja Mahadeva Mallappa, Mangaja Lakshman Mallappa, Mangaja Nagappa, Mangaja Nagappa Sankara, Mangaja Dundappa Babu, Mangaja Ramappa Bassappa, Mangaja Sankara Maruti, Mangaja Dundappa Gangarama 286/1,2,3,4
66	288	Private	Wet	0.001818	Ghuggari Erappa Parappa, Ghuggari Shivappa Parappa, Ghuggari Ramu Parappa, Ghuggari Lakshmana Parappa, Ghuggari Gurappa Dundappan,Channavva Mangaj Ashok babu 288/*
67	295	Private	Wet	0.0061151	Sulakude Satyappa Ramappa 295/8
68	296	Private	Wet	0.0095064	"Telaginamane Ramagowda Basagowda, Mangaja Appasaab Bhimappa, Mangaja Mallikarjuna Appasaheb 296/*"
69	300	Private	Wet	0.131048	Eera Gowda Ningowda Patil 300/*
70	301	Private	Wet	0.059651	Kamate Sudarshan Annappa 301/*
71	54	Govt	Wet	0.132464	Government land 54/B
72	55	Private	Dry	0.0151555	"Kattimani Anuradha Manohar 55/1B Plot No 1, 55/1B Plot No 2, 55/1B Plot No 3, 55/1B Plot No 4, 55/1B Plot No 5 , 55/1B Plot No 6, 55/1B Plot No 7"
73	55	Private	Dry	0.0261075	Talwar Dundappa Shivappa 55/2
74	55	Private	Dry	0.0183525	Talwar Erappa Annappa 55/3
75	55	Private	Dry	0.0191255	Talwar Maruti Talwara Shankara Bhima Talwar Nagappa Erappa 55/4
76	67	Private	Wet	0.0137372	Belagali Santosh Eragowda alias Eerappa,Belagali Roopa Umesh 67/3A,3B
77	73	Private	Dry	0.0232124	Kamble Dundappa Vitthala 73/*
78	74	Private	Dry	0.0199052	Kamble Kallappa Vitthala 74/*
79	94	Private	Wet	0.019728	Talwar Dundappa Shivappa 94/2+3A
80	94	Private	Wet	0.042701	Talwar urf Madara Eerappa Annappa 94/3B
81	94	Private	Wet	0.053673	Talwar Maruti Talwar Nagappa Erappa Talwar Shankara Bhima Talwar Annappa Erappa 94/4
82	94	Private	Wet	0.0085129	Talwar Sachin Balakrishna Talwar Anand Ramakrishna 94/1
83	95	Private	Wet	0.2377224	Patil Sarojani Satagowda 95/*
Village: Majalatti					
84	32	Govt	Dry	0.074552	Government Land 32/*
Village: Hirekodi					
85	343	Private	wet	0.179488	Mali Mahadeva Maruti, Kavalapure Jagadish Shankar,Mali Vimal Annappa alias Annasaba,Mali Kalavati Mahadeva,Mali Appasaba Maruti,Khavane Rukmini Gangadhar,Mali Arun Sadashiv,Mali Jyotiba Appasaba,Karnataka Irrigation Corporation Pvt 343/1
86	343	Private	wet	0.024108	Hiremath Praveenakumar Shankarananda 343/4
87	343	Private	wet	0.053152	Suresh Ningappa Huddara 343/5
88	384	Private	Dry	0.000645	Multani Dilavar Daulat,Multani Daulat Ladji,Multani Dilraja Daulat,Karnataka Irrigation Corporation Pvt 384/1
89	384	Private	Dry	0.00379	Dr. Ravindra Dundappa Bhathe 384/2
90	384	Private	Dry	0.000708	Puranna Srinivasa Tirupati 384/4
91	384	Private	Dry	0.00379	Multani Sardara Ladji,Multani Sachin alias Sadiq Sardar,Multani Muhammad Sardar,384/5
92	384	Private	Dry	0.002776	Multani Moyinkhan Badashah,Multani Hinakausa Badashah,Multani Mujamilla Badshah 384/6
93	384	Private	Dry	0.003206	Multani Daulat Ladji,Multani Dilavar Daulat,Multani Dilraj Daulat 384/7
94	384	Private	Dry	0.006174	Hussian Modin Kalegar 384/8
95	384	Private	Dry	0.007818	Multani Daulat Ladji,Multani Dilavar Daulat,Multani Dilraj Daulat 384/9
96	384	Private	Dry	0.019496	Multani Banu Allisaab,Multani Mallika Allisaab,Multani Ramadan Allisaab 384/10
97	384	Private	Dry	0.028198	Multani Sardara Ladji, Multani Sachin alias Sadiq Sardar, Mulatani Muhammad Sardar,Multani Daulat Ladji,Multani Dilavar Daulat,Multani Dilraj Daulat,Multani Hinakausa Badshah,Multani Mujamilla Badsaha Asadara mother Hinakausara,Multani Moinakhana Badsaha Asadara mother Hinakausara 384/11
98	384	Private	Dry	0.005752	Dadiwale Musa Abdul 384 /13
99	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.337236	Huddar Mahadev Gopal,Huddar Bhimappa Gopala,Huddar Suresh Parappa,Huddar Vinayak Veerappa,Huddar Anil Balappa,Huddar Kumar Balappa,Huddar Papanna Irappa,Huddar Channavva Sadashiv,Huddar Srikant Sadashiv,Huddar Prakash Srikant 392/1
100	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	1.33333	Shri Ma, Ni, Pra, Swa Sampadana Mahaswami 392/2
101	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.028912	Shetty Adhinath Appasab 392/3
102	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.000253	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-18
103	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.057357	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-17
104	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.041975	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-16
105	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.011734	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-13
106	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.036318	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/ Plot No-14
107	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.036285	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-15
108	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.008364	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-8
109	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.008473	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-9
110	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.007713	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-10
111	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.007407	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-11
112	392	Private	Wet/ NAK	0.007335	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 392/Plot No-12
113	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003641	Rayappa Jinnappa Babannavar 399/9
114	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003077	Vishnu Bapugowda Biradar 399/10
115	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Bhupal Lakshman Mekanamaradi. 399/8
116	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009393	Babannavar Bharmappa Shrimant 399/20
117	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015176	Shivappa Hanamanth Kulagoda 399/25
118	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Upadhyaya Savitri Kulbhushan 399/19
119	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Srishaila Mallappa Mugalakhoda. 399/17
120	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015176	Devaraja Basavanni Pashchapure 399/23
121	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015176	Sangram Mayappa Poojary 399/30
122	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Vijaya Shambhulinga Swamy Urf Aluramatha,Nilkant Shambhulinga Swamy Urf Aluramatha, 399/26
123	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Shobha Vijaya Alooramath 399/27
124	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010117	Hazare alias Rajput Ramsingh Pratap Singh. 399/15
125	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010117	Balesha Somappa Madihalli. 399/16
126	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.036867	Shobha Vijaya Alooramath. 399/28
127	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.018979	Aarti Chandrakanta Babanvara 399/2K/1
128	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.036138	Kamagouda Shankara Kamappa 399/2K/2
129	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015176	Byakude Surekha Babu 399/2K/3
130	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015284	Mehboob Nizam Mulla 399/2K/4
131	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000447	Shivappa Mahadev Bagane 399/2K/5
132	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.030351	Babannavara Gunadhara Bharamappa 399/2K/6
133	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Tippanna Kalagowda Patil 399/5
134	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Chandrashekar C.P. 399/6
135	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.008512	Sandeep Appasaheb Patil 399/11
136	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009911	Manlaga Kallappa Shivannavara. 399/38
137	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010117	Virupakshi Bhimappa Dodamani 399/35
138	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.03307	Kamagouda Shankara Kamanna 399/39
139	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.006282	Babu Annappa Poojary 399/2B
140	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015132	Sollapur Tippanna Shidlappa 399/1B
141	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002925	Hulloli Ramchandra Neminatha alias Nemanna 399/21
142	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Patil Shivananda Neelkanth 399/2K/7
143	399	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002552	Raddera Kashavva Kom Manmanta 399/2A/1
144	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.011787	Mahesh Gurunath Lokhande 401/1A/3/Plot No-1
145	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sneha Kaushal Sanghvi 401/1A/3 Plot No-2
146	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009652	Suma Veeresh Tenginakai 401/1A/3/Plot No-3
147	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.005414	Sneha Kaushal Sanghvi 401/1A/3 Plot No-4
148	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.001167	Mubarak Nazira Zari 401/1A/3/Plot No-5
149	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000735	MuhammadAmir Abdulaziz Gadgoli 401/1A/3/ Plot No-11
150	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.457794	Ramesh Atmaram Pawa 401/1K
151	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003748	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-56
152	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.012779	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-57
153	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013487	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-58
154	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.014168	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-59
155	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.014175	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-60
156	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.014143	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-61
157	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013808	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-62
158	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-63
159	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-64
160	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-65
161	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-66
162	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-67
163	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-68
164	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-69
165	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-70
166	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-71
167	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No/72
168	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-73
169	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.013499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-74
170	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.012388	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-75
171	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009654	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-76
172	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.006905	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-77
173	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.004157	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-78
174	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.001408	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-79
175	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.008841	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-82

176	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.004499	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-83
177	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.001651	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-84
178	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002587	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-37
179	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009536	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-38
180	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-39
181	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-40
182	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-41
183	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-42
184	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010636	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-43
185	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002467	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-44
186	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002929	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-26
187	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.007323	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-27
188	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010613	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-28
189	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-29
190	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.011136	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-30
191	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-31
192	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009805	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-32
193	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.01133	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-50
194	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000714	Sardarkhan Niyazahmed Pathan 401/1A/1/Plot No-51
195	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000653	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-39
196	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003269	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-40
197	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.006017	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-41
198	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.008729	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-42
199	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.01067	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 3 401/1A/2/Plot No-43
200	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-44
201	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-45
202	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/ Plot No-46
203	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-47
204	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-48
205	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000907	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-32
206	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.005746	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-36
207	401	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003607	Raunaka Adinath Shetty 401/1A/2/Plot No-34
208	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010357	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-4
209	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.007083	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-3
210	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.01016	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-5
211	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009986	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-6
212	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009797	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-7
213	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.005627	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-8
214	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.004771	Santosh Barma Chougale 402/1F1+2/Plot No-13
215	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010442	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-14
216	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010283	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-15
217	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010107	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-16
218	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009932	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-17
219	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.008234	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-18
220	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000125	Babana Parasurama Bilavade Maya Babana Bilavade 402/1F1+2/Plot No-19
221	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010392	Nagendra Malagonda Patil 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-3
222	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010836	Ruturaj Annasabha Pawar 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/ Plot No-4
223	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010836	Maya Baban Balwade and Baban Parshuram Balawade 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-5
224	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010836	Maya Baban Balwade and Baban Parshuram Balawade 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-6
225	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.01107	Sangeeta Gireppa Kambale 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-7
226	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002571	Ruturaj Annasabha Pawar 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/ Plot No-8
227	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.012064	Rajshri Rajagouda Patil 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/ Plot No-13
228	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0135	Vijayalakshmi Siddanna Karoli 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-14
229	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0135	Ashok Ravasaheb Patil 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/ Plot No-15
230	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0135	Shantinath Sadashiva Kolhapure 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-16
231	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0135	Shantinath Sadashiva Kolhapure 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-17
232	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.004831	Shantinath Sadashiva Kolhapure 402/1F/3+1G+1G/2/Plot No-18
233	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015005	Ramakanth mahadev Badage 402/1A
234	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.021934	Bharamabai Pramila Maraggappa Meghannavar 402/53
235	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.040468	Sri Bhagavan Holeppa Kambale 402/54
236	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.055643	Raju Basappa Pattedar 402/1D
237	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015926	Vasant Basagouda Patil 402/2A
238	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.055554	Ramesh Parasgouda Patil 402/1B
239	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015807	Lakshmana Rangappa Sampagara 402/59
240	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015807	Subhash Santrama Konkani 402/58
241	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.017072	Mahesh Dundappa Kolaki 402/57
242	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.01462	Mahantesh Hanumanth B patil 402/56
243	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010117	Santhosh Balagowda Patil 402/55
244	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Santhosh Balagowda Patil 402/523
245	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.024428	Namdev Basappa Holyapgol 402/65
246	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.110049	Bhole Vrishabha Padmanna 402/61
247	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.030351	Sri Vrishabha Padmanna Bhole 402/63
248	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.012877	Patil Dadasaheb Jinagowda 402/62
249	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.001936	Kambar Revappa Shivarudra, Patil Shivamurthy Kempanna 402/1E
250	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.068288	Ramachandra Maruti Nishandar 402/10
251	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.032529	Vikram Sanjay Benurakara 402/66
252	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.020234	Ashoka Satappa Bhende 402/67
253	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015174	Nirmala Bahubali Savadatti 402/68
254	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.068992	Dareppa Satteppa Kusanale 402/1G/3
255	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.066163	Gauraja Ajitha Appaji 402/1G/4
256	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.043563	Dhang Mahantesh Iranna 402/11
257	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.087265	Ayub Bandulal Bhagwan 402/1H
258	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.034901	Mullah Zubaydah Imam Hussein 402/1i/2
259	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.058173	Shivananda Ramappa Halijole 402/1i/3
260	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.052426	Yusuf Muhammad Kashima Mulla 402/70
261	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.07731	Mahaveer Bhima Sadalagi 402/71
262	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.012545	Sou.Umashree Shivananda Pogatyanatti 402/27
263	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.121404	Padalale Narendra Shivamurthy 402/1J/2
264	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.121404	Basappa Halappa Nagauda 402/33
265	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.152468	Chidananda Lagamanna Jilledar 402/14
266	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.040468	Beerappa Sidlinga Gadde 402/34
267	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000359	Tarade Mustaq Hasan 402/15
268	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.040468	Pawar Ramesh Atmarama. 402/19
269	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.001315	Bannatti Vinayak Appasabha. 402/17
270	402	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.01643	Padalale Narendra Shivamurthy 402/35
271	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.005139	Rohan Ramesh Kurdekar. 404A/1A/Plot No-29, 404A/1A/Plot No-29
272	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002543	Rohan Ramesh Kurdekar. 404A/1A/Plot No-29, 404A/1A/Plot No-30
273	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.00505	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar. 404A/1A/Plot No-13
274	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.007696	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-12
275	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-14
276	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-15
277	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-16
278	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-17
279	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-18
280	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-19
281	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-20
282	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-21
283	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010155	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-22
284	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-23
285	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003544	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-24
286	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.006512	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-26
287	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.010613	Gayatri Chandrakanth Mule 404A/1A/Plot No-31
288	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.009613	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-32
289	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Lakshman Siddappa Shedabale 404A/1A/Plot No-33
290	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-34
291	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sadashiva Mahadev Gudime 404A/1A/Plot No-35
292	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-36
293	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Sunil Arjuna Benade 404A/1A/Plot No-37
294	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-38
295	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Gangadhar Shivappa Benade 404A/1A/Plot No-39
296	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Eknath Viththala Hallure 404A/1A/Plot No-40
297	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.006216	Eknath Viththala Hallure 404A/1A/Plot No-41
298	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.008651	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-42
299	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.00029	Manjunatha Dasharatha Khot 404A/1A/Plot No-43
300	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.001467	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-44
301	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.011335	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-54
302	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-55
303	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.014837	Dasharatha Hanamanta Vajantri 404A/1A/Plot No-56
304	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.011742	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-57
305	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0108	Maruti Maruti Dalwai 404A/1A/Plot No-58
306	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.008615	Shaila Ganpati Khot 404A/1A/Plot No-59
307	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.00145	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-60
308	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.006203	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-61
309	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.000285	Rohan Ramesh Kuradekar 404A/1A/Plot No-62
310	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.015623	Tukaram Santrama More 404/1B/Plot No-1
311	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.002185	Dundappa Pradhani Donawade 404/1B/Plot No-2
312	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.354651	Neha Chidanand Nognihal ,Shruti Sagar Patil, Sagar Ashok Patil, Jayashree Nagchandra Galle, Subahschandra Kallappa Renti , Niramla Shivraj Patil , Rayyappa Ballappa Nidavani, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani and Vivekanand Rayyappa Nidavani , Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani , Uttam Krishna Muragude , Jawan Keshappa Parmar, Subahschandra Kallappa Renti, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani, Rayyappa Ballappa Nidavani, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani and Vivekanand Rayyappa Nidavani , Subahschandra KallappaRenti, Subahschandra KallappaRenti , Devakhushi Vidyasagar Pirappa,Rajashree Ashok Huddar, Pooja ShidharHalajole , Anil Maruti Killiketh, Neha Chidanand Noganihal, Geeta ShivamurthyPadalale, Mantesh Ishwar Waded, AppasahabBhimgouda Patil, Rajashree Lakshman Vatkar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shankar Janardhan Kolekar, Parshuram SomannaRayamane, Sushila SakaramKoulage, Shankargowda Shivangowda Patil, Sharath Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Rajashree Lakshman Vatkar,Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble 404/K
313	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.003994	Neha Chidanand Nognihal ,Shruti Sagar Patil, Sagar Ashok Patil, Jayashree Nagchandra Galle, Subahschandra Kallappa Renti , Niramla Shivraj Patil , Rayyappa Ballappa Nidavani, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani and Vivekanand Rayyappa Nidavani , Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani , Uttam Krishna Muragude , Jawan Keshappa Parmar, Subahschandra Kallappa Renti, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani, Rayyappa Ballappa Nidavani, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani and Vivekanand Rayyappa Nidavani , Subahschandra KallappaRenti, Subahschandra KallappaRenti , Devakhushi Vidyasagar Pirappa, Rajashree Ashok Huddar, Pooja ShidharHalajole , Anil Maruti Killiketh, Neha Chidanand Noganihal, Geeta ShivamurthyPadalale, Mantesh Ishwar Waded, AppasahabBhimgouda Patil, Rajashree Lakshman Vatkar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shankar Janardhan Kolekar, Parshuram SomannaRayamane, Sushila SakaramKoulage, Shankargowda Shivangowda Patil, Sharath Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Rajashree Lakshman Vatkar, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble 404/B
314	404	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.027523	Neha Chidanand Nognihal ,Shruti Sagar Patil, Sagar Ashok Patil, Jayashree Nagchandra Galle, Subahschandra Kallappa Renti , Niramla Shivraj Patil , Rayyappa Ballappa Nidavani, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani and Vivekanand Rayyappa Nidavani , Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani , Uttam Krishna Muragude , Jawan Keshappa Parmar, Subahschandra Kallappa Renti, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani, Rayyappa Ballappa Nidavani, Smitha Rayyappa Nidavani and Vivekanand Rayyappa Nidavani , Subahschandra KallappaRenti, Subahschandra KallappaRenti , Devakhushi Vidyasagar Pirappa, Rajashree Ashok Huddar, Pooja ShidharHalajole , Anil Maruti Killiketh, Neha Chidanand Noganihal, Geeta ShivamurthyPadalale,Mantesh Ishwar Waded, Appasahab Bhimgouda Patil,Rajashree Lakshman Vatkar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shankar Janardhan Kolekar, Parshuram SomannaRayamane, Sushila SakaramKoulage, Shankargowda Shivangowda Patil, Sharath Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Shashikant Janardhan Kolekar, Rajashree Lakshman Vatkar, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble, Shivapanna Bassappa Gudaskar, Basavraj Shivappa Gudaskar, Trupti Uttam Kamble, Pratibha Gopal Kamble 404/D
315	405	Private	Dry	0.05892	Mahendra Balasaheb Wadeira 405/1
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316	159	Private	Dry	0.0013857	Shrimana Niranjan Mahaswamy Trust 159/*
317	160	Private	Dry	0.01458	Srimanna Niranjanamahaswamy Trust Nidasoshi 160/1
318	161	Private	Dry	0.000874	Dhareppa Mallappa Magadumma 161/1
319	161	Private	Dry	0.001149	Yaduri Prakash Kherappa 161/51
320	161	Private	Dry	0.001174	Hiremath Somashekara Basavaraja 161/52
321	161	Private	Dry	0.001329	Gaudadi Meenakshi Vijayakumar 161/53
322	161	Private	Dry	0.005305	Mulla Mubaraka Appasaheb 161/20
323	161	Private	Dry	0.001835	Mulla Mubaraka Appasaheb 161/21
324	161	Private	Dry	0.017187	Boragaon Mamtaja Kom.Mohadina, Jakati Sikandar Mirasaheb, Jamadar Chandsaheb Gudusaheb, Jakati Dastgira Modin, Huddara Annaappa Basappa, Zakati Maulali Imam, Jamadar Shaukat Gudusaba, Ammanagi Sangeeta Basavaraj, Jakati Gulabjal Gajabar, Sankannavara Annasaheb Rudrappa, Dodabhangi Mallikarjuna Bhimagowda 161/9
325	161	Private	Dry	0.003019	Shivananda Virupakshi Manjargi 161/46
326	161	Private	Dry	0.007569	Jakati Niazahmad Shiraj 161/27
327	161	Private	Dry	0.008433	Jakati Adam Mahmada,Hugare Sapanila Appanna, Davudasaheb Sayyada Mustaka Ahmamed, Khota Sanjayakumar Daradundi, Jakati Shabbira Adam, Jakati Adam Mahmada 161/ 2A,2B,2K
328	161	Private	Dry	0.002708	Jamadar Dastgir Imamsaba , Jakati Dastgira Muhammad, Jamadar Muhammadhanifa Subhedar 161/3A,3B,3K
329	161	Private	Dry	0.000691	Patrimath Nirmala Sadashiva 161/11
330	161	Private	Dry	0.005089	Jakati Kulasuma Dastagira 161/10
331	161	Private	Dry	0.002172	Koli alias Talawara Rajeshwar Giramalla161/8B
332	163	Private	Dry	0.0017689	Srimana S. Mahaswamy Trust Nidasoshi 163/*
333	164	Private	Dry	0.003696	Shriman.N.Mahaswamy Trust Nidasoshi 164/*
334	187	Private	Dry	0.0060808	Shriman.N.Mahaswamy Trust Nidasoshi 187/*
335	188	Private	Dry	0.0078202	Shriman.N.Mahaswamy Trust Nidasoshi 188/*
336	190	Private	Dry	0.0044857	Naganoori Kempanna Erappa 190/1
337	193	Private	Dry	0.0009866	Hunachyali Ramappa Avappa alias Avanna 193/2
338	194	Private	Dry	0.0050684	Chowgala Allappa Kallappa 194/1
339	194	Private	Dry	0.010117	chowgala ishwar dundappa 194/2
340	197	Private	Dry	0.0023645	"Magadum Basappa Ramappa, Magadum Appana Erappa Ramappa Dundappa Boragalli, Sunita Ramappa Boragalli 197/1,2,3"
341	201	Private	Dry	0.042423	Madyali Mallappa Bheemappa, Khandugola Basavanni Shivappa, Khandugola Basavanni Shivappa, Khandugola Mallappa Shivappa, Khandugola Baramappa Shivappa, Khandugola Pradeepa Appasaheba,

					Khandugola Mallappa Siddappa, Patila Appasaheba Annappa, Rajasekhara Appanna Huddara, Ramesh Mallappa Madyali, Madyali Mallappa Bheemappa, Basappa annappa Koli, Kallappa Dayananda Nadugeri 201/1 to 11 201/1 to 11
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342	1	Private	Dry	0.020908	Belagavi School Board Charmain 1/4
343	11	Private	Dry	0.0011363	Dayanand Dundappa Kamathe 11/AB
344	12	Private	Dry	0.0051175	Belvi Bheemappa Mallappa 12/2B
345	182	Private	Dry	0.000816	Pakale Malutai Kashinath 182/20
346	182	Private	Dry	0.012696	Patil alias Basagoudannavar Kashavva Rudrappa 182/2P
347	183	Private	Dry	0.0065342	Multani Vilas Nabisaheb 183/1
348	184	Private	Dry	0.0016452	Kurani Ashoka Mahadev, Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division Belgaum, Thangadi Shivananda alias Shivappa Dhareppa, Nandihalli Maruti Ramappa, Badakundri Suvarna Shiddappa 184/1,2,3,4
349	194	Private	Dry	0.029311	Terani Urpa Holera Sadashiva Gurappa, Kamanuri Ravi Sahadeva, Khatedar Savita Gangadhar, Kamat Pramila Ashoka, Holera Bhimappa Nijappa, Kambale Sashikala Gurlinga, Holera Basavantha Mallappa, Kamble Gangavva Kom Nemappa, Holera Nagappa Basappa, Holera Nagappa Basappa, Chalannavar alias Holera Kallappa Dundappa, Chalannavar Shevanti Kempanna, Holera Bhimappa Nijappa, Kambale Sashikala Gurlinga, Holera Basavantha Mallappa, Kamble Gangavva Kom Nemappa, Chalannavar alias Holera Kallappa Dundappa, Chalannavar alias Holera Kallappa Dundappa, Holera Mallappa Dundappa, Holera Bhimappa Nijappa, Chalannavara Shamarao Ramachandra, Kambale Sashikala Gurlinga, Kambale Saroja Keraba, Asode Dundappa Nagappa, Holera Annappa, Chalannavar Shyamarao Ramachandra, Kambale Annaappa Bharama, Chalannavara Rahula Bhimrao, Holera Bhimappa Nijappa, Holera Nagappa Basappa, Kambale Gangavva Kon Nemappa, Holera Mahadev Shivappa, Chalannavar alias Holera Kallappa Dundappa, Chalannavar alias Holera Kallappa Dundappa, Holera Mallappa Dundappa, Kambale Saroja Keraba, Rayannas Babu Shankar Ae Ku Ma, Rayannavara Babu Shankara, Chalannavar Shyamarao Ramachandra, Asode Dundappa Nagappa, Rayannavar Babu Sankara E Ku Ma, Rayannavara Babu Sankara, Chalannavar Shyamarao Ramachandra, President Sri Duradundeshwara Math, Rajasab Ladaji Multani, Pramila Kamat 194/1 to 33
350	202	Private	Dry	0.0199911	Baghi Appasaba Babanna 202/9
351	202	Private	Dry	0.003512	Bagi Bhimarao Babanna 202/19
352	210	Private	Dry	0.0058472	Konnuri Santosh Kashinath 210/2
353	212	Private	Dry	0.0128593	Sumari Praveen Mahavira 212/3
354	217	Private	Dry	0.0017924	Maraguddi Mallikarjuna Dundappa, Dundappa Kempanna Ghodageri., Jangannavar Gurappa Pavadi, Shirahatti Bhujbali Paris, Suresh Mallappa Bastawad, Gurusidda Shankar Janagannavar, Barama Shankar Janagannavar 217/1,2,3,4,5
355	220	Private	Dry	0.0153294	Mali Kasturi Dundappa, Dayananda, Abhijit Ashok kurnekar, Lalitha Mallappa Naganuris maiden name was Lalitha Pundalik Patil, Dayanand Dundappa Kamathe,Mali Ganapati Shivappa 220/1 to 24
356	24	Private	Dry	0.0072766	Kurani Balakka Ramanna 24/4
357	3	Private	Dry	0.0245548	Kurani Mahadeva Subraai 3/*
358	7	Private	Dry	0.0004468	Hirekuti Dundappa Bhimappa, Kankanwadi Shankara Gurulinga, Chowgala Sattevva Lagamanna, Hirekudi Dundappa Ningappa Thangadi Dhareppa Kallappa, Thangadi Mahadeva, Chowgala Shivamurthy Kallappa, Hirekudi Ramesh Shankar, Hirekudi Susheela Kom Mahadev, Hirekodi Sushila Mahadeva, Chowgala Shivamurthy Kallappa, Bastavadi Sadashiva Kallappa, Bastawadi Ganapathi Mallappa, Thangadi Malu Eerappa, Lakkundi Gurasidda Kadappa, Kurani Kadappa Mahadeva, Kurni Kadappa Mahadeva,shankar guruling kankanawadi 7/1,2
359	9	Private	Dry	0.0079349	Chowgala Annasabha Bhimappa 9/*
360	Settlement	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.8655329	VPC No.1126 Shivanand Lagamappa Konnure,VPC No.1041 VSusheela Bhimarav Mangasuli,VPC No.883 Momin Yakub Kashimsa,VPC No.1376 Lalita Pundalik Patil,VPC No.1377 Mustan Noorahmad Momin,VPC No.693A Renuka Ashok Mali 5,VPC No.693B Renuka Ashok Mali 5,VPC No.960 Ramappa Shankar Mali,VPC No.670/A Jayashree Basavanni Mali,VPC No.1021 Narasappa Ramakrishna Kamate,VPC No.753 Shrikant Balu Jadhav Parit,VPC No.753/A Shrikant Balu Jadhav Parit,VPC No.580 Shivaputra Shivaji Parit,VPC No.695 Shubhash Appanna Patil,VPC No.1218 Jeevan Duggappa Shetti,VPC No.577 Sumitra Siddappa Mugali,VPC No.576 Dundappa Siddappa Mugali,VPC No.581/B Dayanand Dundappa Kamate,VPC No.1239 Rukmini Kom Nirvani Mugali,VPC No.1244 Santosh Siddappa Mugali,VPC No.1246 Annasaheb Babanna Bagi,VPC No.1247 Bheemarav Babanna Bagi,VPC No.1250 Rukmini Nirvani Mugali,VPC No.1148 Ramesh Bharama Hotakar,VPC No.1178 Shakuntala Kallappa Hirekodi,VPC No.1190 Mahadev Irappa Jabar,VPC No.571 Shri Duradundeshwar Gudi,VPC No.718 Anand Babu Chalannavar,VPC No.718A Anand Babu Chalannavar,VPC No.964 Vijay Babu Dhabale,VPC No.1028 Shankar Mallappa Holer,VPC No.814 Ajana Shankar Chalannavar,VPC No.803 Devendra Dundappa Chalannavar,VPC No.980 “Surekha Arjun Bharamagol,VPC No.742 Rekha Gopal Kambale,VPC No.818/B Kempavva Gurupad Kambar,VPC No.713 Appanna Nagappa Kambale,VPC No.817 Gangavva Namadev Kambale,VPC No.817/A Gangavva Namadev Kambale,VPC No.662 Maruti Bheemappa Kolaragi,VPC No.662/A Maruti Bheemappa Kolaragi,VPC No.1251 Shivaleela Gangadhar Kanade ,VPC No.658 Ramu Tukaram Mirji,VPC No.691 Poornananda Swamigalu Adavisiddeshwara Matha,VPC No.1255 Gangadhar Bheemagouda Patil,VPC No.1143 Sunita Santosh Bastavadi,VPC No.853 1) Dundappa 2) Shankar S/o Jyoteppa Mali Totager,VPC No.659 1) Gangadhar Ramagouda Patil 2) Duradundigouda Shankargouda Patil,VPC No.1254 Shivaling Mahadev Lakkar, VPC No.802 Anil Basavaraj Totager, VPC No.711 Susheela Kedari Bastavadi 5,VPC No.640 Sharavva Appasab Tangadi,VPC No.654 Shivashankar Dundappa Kumbar -3,
					VPC No.652/A Vidya Ramesh Halimani - 3, VPC No.652/B Ramesh Ningappa Kumbar,VPC No.632/A/2/2 Veerabhadra Shankar Gothi,VPC No.632/A/2Ishwar Shivanand Vali,VPC No.632/A/2/(I) Mahadevi Subhash Vali,VPC No.632/A/2/(II) Sujata Shivanand Vali,VPC No.632D Sangeeta Prakash Bobade,VPC No.651/A Geeta Shetteppa Kambale,VPC No.651/B Laxmibai Yamanappa Kambale,VPC No.650 Gouravva Chandrakant Harijan Khatedar,VPC No.741/A Surekha Rajaram Bidarolli,VPC No.741 Lalita Maruti Metri -2,VPC No.1227 Savita Kallappa Bastavadi,VPC No.1227/A Savita Kallappa Bastavadi,VPC No.637/A Jyoteppa Satyappa Chougala,VPC No.637/B Tukaram Narasappa Chougala,VPC No.16C Shivappa Ningappa Chougala,VPC No.18B Appasaheb Shankar Chougala ,VPC No.18C Dundappa Shankar Settlement"
Village: Gavanal					
361	101	Private	Wet	0.00472	Hidagugi Raju Bhimappa, Hidauggi Hoovappa Jakkappa, Hidagugi Yallappa Jakkappa, Hidauggi Hoovappa Jakkappa, Hidagugi Yallappa Jakkappa,Yallappa Jakkappa, Hidauggi 101/1,2,3,4,5
362	102	Private	Dry	0.012862	Hidauggi Kempanna Shivarai 102/*
363	103	Private	Dry	0.012421	Hidagugi Sankara Gundappa 103/*
364	104	Private	Dry	0.012619	Malagi Shanavva Maruti 104/*
365	105	Private	Dry	0.003124	Janganavara Raju Appiah 105/1
366	105	Private	Dry	0.006738	Kurabara Shankara Ningappa 105/2
367	105	Private	Dry	0.003023	Kundi Lakshmana Shivananda 105/3
368	105	Private	Dry	0.054201	Patil Basagowda Tammanagowda, Shobha Bugade, Sri Sukhdeva Patil 105/4
369	105	Private	Dry	0.00348	Meenakshi Ramachandra Badakar 105/5
370	38	Private	Wet	0.167316	Holera Lagamawwa Kom Basavanta 38/1
371	39	Private	Dry	0.014647	Goni Ghoolappa Basalinga 39/*
372	40	Private	Dry	0.003527	Bassapure Gangavva Maruti, Patil Babu Kallappa, Badakara Gangappa Channappa, Vithappagol Mallappa Channappa, Itnale Chandrashekar Pavadi, Ittappagol Hanumanth Dundappa, Vitthappagola Parappa Kallappa, Itappagol Shantha Kempanna, Vithappagol Parashurama Maruti, Badakara Basalinga Bhimappa 40/1
373	41	Private	Wet	0.015392	Chitnis Rohit Kalyanarao 41/1
374	41	Private	Wet	0.003349	Chitnis Suresh Bapurao 41/2
375	42	Private	Wet	0.0047	Badakkar Satish Ghoolappa,Poojari alias Gurava Laxman Kallappa,Kundi Mallappa Shivananda,Badakkar Satish Ghoolappa,Vinod Mother Shiramavva Kambale,Jadagi Shivamurthy Lakshmana,Janganavvar Balappa Ghulappa,Kurabar Kallappa Beerappa,Naik Govinda Ramachandra,Sanjeev Shivappa Dadugol,Laxman Kallappa Poojeri,Karappa Rayappa Janganavara,Kareppa Balappa Janganavara ,Hema Prakash Patil 42
376	63	Private	Wet	0.018298	Badakara Basalinga Bhimappa 63/*
377	64	Private	Wet	0.001776	Hidagugi Erappa Ramappa 64/1
378	64	Private	Wet	0.001696	Narayana Rayappa Bastawadi 64/2
379	64	Private	Wet	0.000672	Kundi Mallappa Gurashidda 64/3
380	65	Private	Wet	0.00895	Bastawadi Narayan Ramappa 65/*
381	66	Private	Wet	0.015362	Patil Shivagowda alias Srikanth Basagowda 66/1
382	66	Private	Wet	0.016869	Patil Sadanand Annappa alias Niranjan 66/2
383	82	Private	Wet	0.271377	Girish Magadumma,Shirakola Shankareppa Shivaputrappa,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa, President K.L.E.society college road Belagavi,Magadumma Lakshmi Ramann,Srishaila Magadumma, Prashant,Smt Shanta Patil,Smt Shanta Patil, Ramu Kutoli,Ramu KutoliPatil Savitri Balagowda,Badager Balappa Allam,Badakar Sadashiva Rama,Panduranga Balappa Sane,Srinivas Kutoli,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa ,Baragali Shidalingappa Balappa, Talawar Siddharaja Bhimappa,Nagraj Dundappa Gadavi,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa, Magadumma Kadappa,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa,Patil Geeta 82,82 Paiki/1,2,3,4,5,6 ,7,8,9,,11,12,13, 14,15, 16,17,18, 19,20,21,22, 82,82 Paiki/10 Plot No 1,2
384	82 Paiki	Private	Dry	0.389905	Girish Magadumma,Shirakola Shankareppa Shivaputrappa,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa,President K.L.E.society college road Belagavi,Magadumma Lakshmi Ramann,Srishaila Magadumma,Prashant,Smt Shanta Patil,Smt Shanta Patil,Ramu Kutoli,Ramu KutoliPatil Savitri Balagowda,Badager Balappa Allam,Badakar Sadashiva Rama,Panduranga Balappa Sane,Srinivas Kutoli,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa,Baragali Shidalingappa Balappa,Talawar Siddharaja Bhimappa,Nagraj Dundappa Gadavi,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa, Magadumma Kadappa,Magadumma Mahesh Kadappa,Patil Geeta 82,82 Paiki/1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,,11,12,13,14,15,16, 17,18,19,20, 21,22, 82,82 Paiki/10 Plot No 1,2
385	91	Private	Wet	0.134759	Kulkarni Sau Shailaja Gundupant 91/2
386	91	Private	Wet	0.076319	Chitnisa Rohit Kalyanarao 91/3
387	94	Private	Wet	0.015226	Hidagugi Dundappa Allappa 94/*
388	95	Private	Dry	0.008138	Hidudduggi Siddappa Dhyamappa alias Dhyamu 95/1
389	95	Private	Dry	0.007761	Hidauggi Maruti Shivaputra 95/2
390	96	Private	Wet	0.010574	Hidauggi Shivlinga Shankara, Santosh Shankar Hidaduggi 96/1,2
Village: Gotur					
391	1	Private	Dry	0.080471	Kasare Bairu Gundu, Chairman Grm Panchayat Committee Gotur 1A/1/2A
392	1	Private	Dry	0.024946	Ravaloji Siddappa Bhimappa 1A/1
393	109	Private	Dry	0.006511	"Hukkeri Maruti Satalinga, Hukkeri Bhimappa Shivashankareppa, Hukkeri Umadevi Sadashiva, Nirantar patta Darasalakhand, Patil MalagowdaDundappa, Nandgavi Raju Nirvani,competent Authority for land Acquition, National Highways Authority of India, Patil Vijaya Siddagowda Asadar No,Patil Vijaya Shidagowda Asadar,Sheikhnavar Shiddappa Maruti, Sheikhnavar Bhimappa Maruti, Patil Geetha Ramachandra,Patil Vijaya Shidagowda Asada 109"
394	110	Private	Dry	0.000685	Kulkarni Madhukara Atmarama, Kulkarni Gurunath Neelkanth, Sheikhnavar Kallappa Yallappa, National Highways Authority of India, Naik Praveen Maruti, Naik Shanta Maruti, Naik Maruti Hanamanta 110/*
395	13	Private	Wet	0.172297	Hukkeri Shivaputra Lakshmana, Hukkeri alias Holera Maruti Ishwara, Badigera Ramachandra Nanda, Sutar Kedari Balappa, Kamate Shankar Basappa, Kamate Tippanna Bheemappa, Kamate Shashikant Dundappa, Mankale Kempannas mother Akkawwa, Vaggera Anand Lakshmana, Kamate Tippanna Bheemappa, Gurunath Lagamanna Gangannavara, Sheikhnavar Mahesh Adiveppa,Kamate Tippanna Bheemappa, Lakshmana Ishwara Hukker, Rani Raju Badige, Kamate Shivalinga Dundappa, Vijaya Adiveppa Kamate, Lakshmi Ravaloji, Shivananda Khanai,
396	14	Private	Wet	0.04955	Sutar Jothiba Dundappa` 14/1
397	14	Private	Wet	0.006822	Smt Lakshmi Shekhanavara 14/2
398	14	Private	Wet	0.035483	Sutar Jothiba Dundappa 14/3
399	15	Private	Wet	0.105817	Tara Jotiba Dundappa Sutar Kedari Balappa, Badiger Kedari Balappa, Sutar alias Badigera Kedari Balappa 15/ 1, 2+3+4
400	16	Private	Dry	0.032503	Rajshri Ramagouda Patils name before marriage was Rajshri Baburao Halgadagi 16/2
401	16	Private	Dry	0.012755	Mali Shivananda Dhondiba 16/3
402	16	Private	Dry	0.048485	Koli Ningavwa Kom Appasaheba 16/4
403	17	Private	Dry	0.059631	Zulekha Khutabuddin Bepari, Hasan Imam Bepari, Irfa Dastgira Bepari, Usman Khalil Bepari, Rashid Mirasab Bepari,Ramzan Shukat Bepari, Mirasab imam Hussain Bepari, Rashida Qutb Bepari, Balappa Halluri, Lakkappa Pujari, Sri.Nagappa Badigera 17
404	17	Private	Dry	0.002516	Vijaya Pundalik Talawar 17/5
405	17	Private	Dry	0.00116	Bepari Imrana Majid 17/13
406	17	Private	Dry	0.003924	Sai Sanjeev 17/2
407	18	Private	Dry	0.010117	Modikar Bharat Ramagowda 18A/1
408	18	Private	Dry	0.036994	Mahar Dundappa Kallappa, Donnagola Ramappa Satteppa, Vagger Gurushida Shivappa, Vagger Kallappa Shivappa, Mahar Rudrappa Yallappa Kallappa, Vagger Chandrapappa Shivapappa, Bepari Rose Gaussaba, Kambale Shevantha Kom Shankara, Bugadikatti Shivappa Kadappa, Ghasti Ashoka Krishna, Bepari Sharif Khatalsaba, Bepari Salim Abdulsaab, Bepari Akbar Hussain, Bepari Madara Kashima, Bepari Mirasaba Imamhussain, Bepari Kausarabi Yakub, Khatedara Shantavva Kom Bhimappa, Khanadale Raju Kadappa, Gasti Kempanna Lakshmana, Bepari Dastgir Gausa, Kambale Lakshmana Holeppa 18A/3
409	18	Private	Dry	0.072556	Govt Pada Gairana Gram Panchayat Sarapench 18B/*
410	19	Private	Wet	0.025054	Holera Rudrappa Yamanappa 19/9
411	19	Private	Wet	0.02066	Hoolera Gangappa Yallappa mother Avvaka 19/10
412	2	Private	Dry	0.031919	Patil Dundappa Shivagowda 2*/B
413	2	Private	Dry	0.012923	Jarali Tammanna Rayappa 2A/1
414	2	Private	Dry	0.01648	Koli Nagesh Bharamappa 2A/2
415	20	Private	Wet	0.0095	Nandagavi Pundalika Ramappa 20/1
416	20	Private	Wet	0.008643	Patil Kempanna Martada 20/2
417	20	Private	Wet	0.006935	Manga Bharama Hanamanta 20/3
418	221	Private	Dry	0.006433	Ravaloji Kumar Appanna 221/2
419	222	Private	Dry	0.007846	Patil Shantavva Siddagowda, Patil Gangavva Basagowda, Patil Chandrakanth Siddagowda, Durgai Urf Managutti Dattatreya Shankara, Hattagola Lakshmibai Kom Balappa, Hanchinmani Kempanna Ramappa 222/2
420	222	Private	Dry	0.001528	Dodbhangi Kashavwa Sivananda 222/3
421	223	Private	Dry	0.073222	Patil Siddagouda Kadappa, Ravaloji Rama Guralinga 223/1
422	223	Private	Dry	0.027173	Patil Vijaya Siddagowda 223/2A
423	223	Private	Dry	0.012722	Manjula Dundappa Patil 223/2B
424	224	Private	Dry	0.00925	Masewadi Shanta Ramappa 224/1
425	224	Private	Dry	0.030651	Mang Parasappa Kallappa 224/2
426	224	Private	Dry	0.01686	Masewadi Parasappa Lagamappa 224/3
427	225	Private	Dry	0.018337	The School Board Belgaum 225/1
428	225	Private	Dry	0.007093	Patil Bharamagowda Lakhamagowda, Mathapati Appayya Chandrayya, Hiremath Dundaya Guralingayya, Mathapati Shivananda Veerabhadraiah 225/2A
429	225	Private	Dry	0.005959	Dhanagar Mallappa Yabu 225/2B
430	225	Private	Dry	0.010434	Patil Eravva Malagowda, Patil Bharamagowda Lakhamagowda 225/2K
431	226	Govt	Dry	0.019951	Government bungalow 226/*
432	227	Private	Dry	0.011789	Masewadi Tippanna Ningappa, Manga Bhairav Sivappa, Madiga Durgappa Hanamant, Manga Maruti Gangappa, Manga Kadappa Bharama, Khatedar Sushila Shankar, Manga Parurama Kallappa 227/2
433	227	Private	Dry	0.011307	Patil Appasaheb Shidagowda, Sri Bhimappa Hataraki, Smt Lagamavva Naika, Altaf Bepari, Smt Shanta Mirje, Smt Razia Bhagwan, Sri Mubarak Sheikh, Lagamavva Masewadi, Sachin Patil, Hemantha Sukhdev Narayanakara, Appasaheb Patil, Sachin Patil, Siddagouda Patil, Appasaheb Patil, Appasaheb Patil, Sachin Patil, Siddagouda Patil, Patil Appasaheb Siddagouda 227
434	23	Private	Dry	0.007139	Kamate Tippanna Bhimappa 23/8
435	23	Private	Dry	0.033983	Vidyaniketan Education and Rural Development Service Council 23/9
436	23	Private	Dry	0.013999	Kamate Tippanna Bhimappa 23/10
437	232	Private	Dry	0.010558	Patil Sivagowda Malagowda, Patil Rudragowda Malagowda 232/1,3
438	232	Private	Dry	0.016393	Patil Dundappa Shivagowda 232/2
439	233	Private	Dry	0.007255	Ravaloji Ganapathi Ravaji,Nagannavar Adiveppa Mallappa,Ravaloji Ashok Ramappa,Bhammanava Biralla Adiveppa,Maharashatra Border Section NH-4 Belgaum,Bhammannavara Rayappa Bhirappa,Ravaloji Panduranga Mallappa,Bhimannavara Bhirappa Rayappa,Bhammannavara Ravindra Pundalik,Bommanavara Dundavva Lavappa,Bhimannavara Bhirappa Rayappa,Neminath Lakshmana Malagowda,Neminath Lakshmana Malagowda,Bommanavara Dundavva Lavapp,Bhammannavara Dundappa Adiveppa, Bhammannavara Santhoshkumar Shivaputra,Ashoka Malagouda Patil,Ningowada Kalagowada Patil,National Highways Authority of India,Naganavar Mohana Shidram,Naganavar Mohana Shidram,Naganavara Lakshmana Shidrama,Hiremath Virupakshayya Irayya,Kamate alias Rachagol Bhairu Siddappa,Patil Ratnavva K/o Lakhamagowda,Bommannavara Sushila Shankara,Bhammannavara Santhosh Sidrama,Bammanavar Beerappa Rayappa,Ravindra Ramappa Mashevadi,Ravindra Ramappa Mashevadi,Hamid Masumali Khoja,Hamid Masumali Khoja,Surekha Basavanni Patil,Rupa Karappa Mareppagola,Shobha Masuba Sheikh,Mareppagol Rupa Kareppa,Champa Kadappa Shekhawan,Jayashree Kempanna Chowgala,Sarika Mahaveer Bendigeri,Shruti Bharamappa Sarapure 233
440	234	Private	Dry	0.010589	Nandagavi Balakrishna Ramappa, Maharashatra Border Sction NH-4, Nandagavi Mallappa Basavant, Nandgavi Shankar Babu, Nandgavi Raju Nirvani, Nandgavi Balakrishna Rammappa, Nandgavi Pundalik Rammappa, Nandgavi Shankar Babu 234/*
441	235	Private	Dry	0.00341	Khanugol Halappa Shivasiddha, Nagannavar Samrat Shidappa, Competent Authority for Land 235/1
442	235	Private	Dry	0.003826	Shekhanavara Bibatai Balachandra 235/2

Bengaluru-Vizag special train

BENGALURU, DHNS: The East Coast Railway will operate a special train between SMVT Bengaluru and Visakhapatnam to clear passenger rush due to cancellation of IndiGo flights.

Train number 08501 will depart from Visakhapatnam at 3.20 pm on December 15 and arrive at SMVT Bengaluru at 12.45 pm.

Train number 08502 will leave SMVT Bengaluru at 3.50 pm on December 16 and reach Visakhapatnam at 1.30 pm.

The train will stop at Duvvada, Anakapalle, Samalkot, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Ongole, Nellore, Gudur, Renigunta, Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Bangarapet, and KR Puram, a railway statement said.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka

Forecast Dec 13: Dry weather likely to prevail over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	27.8	8.4	00
Bidar	26.8	7.4	00
Vijayapura	28.5	8.4	00
Dharwad	27.6	8.5	00
Haveri	28.4	11.2	00
Kalaburagi	32	12	00
Raichur	29.4	09	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	34.7	20.4	00
Karwar	34.8	17.4	00
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	33.8	21.8	00

INTERIOR SOUTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	NA	13.8	00
Bengaluru	27.6	15	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	28.1	13.9	00
Davangere	29	11	00
Hassan	NA	8.2	00
Mysuru	30	15.8	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	27.2	10.4	00
OTHER STATIONS			
New Delhi	25.6	08	00
Kolkata	26.2	14	00
Mumbai	33.7	15.6	00
Chennai	30.2	21.8	00
Pune	28.7	8.3	00
Hyderabad	29.6	10.8	00
Th'puram	33.2	23.7	00

TN moves top court to review its order on Mekedatu project

SC in its Nov 13 order refused to entertain Tamil Nadu's plea

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CHENNAI, DHNS

As Karnataka constituted a committee to expedite the contentious Mekedatu reservoir project, the Tamil Nadu government on Friday said it has moved the Supreme Court seeking a review of its November 13 order refusing to entertain the state's application against the proposed dam across the River Cauvery.

Water Resources Minister Durai Murugan said in a statement that the state government has also petitioned the Central Water Commission (CWC), arguing that the construction of a dam in Mekedatu in Karnataka would be detrimental to Tamil Nadu and contradicts the February 16, 2018, order by the Supreme Court on sharing of the Cauvery water.

"...the Tamil Nadu government filed a review petition in the Supreme Court on December 11 seeking review of the Supreme Court's order dated November 13," Durai Murugan said.

The Supreme Court had, on November 13, refused to entertain Tamil Nadu's application against Mekedatu and termed the state's objection premature. On Friday, the Karnataka government constituted a team led by the Karnataka Engineering Research Station (KERS) director with regard to the project.

The TN minister said the state argued that the Mekedatu dam would cause severe damage to Tamil Nadu, and that attempting to build it would exacerbate the dispute between the two states.

"Certain observations in this judgment, particularly the statement that states can decide for themselves how to utilise the water allocated to them, contradict paragraph 447 of the judgment dated February 16, 2018, which specified that the allocated water must be used only for the projects mentioned in the order," Durai Murugan said.

He assured that the Tamil Nadu government will continue to take firm actions to protect the welfare of Cauvery Delta farmers and will never allow Karnataka to go ahead with construction in Mekedatu.

Tamil Nadu believes the project will obstruct natural flow of water from Karnataka and the two states have been waging a legal battle over the issue.

Extended run of special trains to Kerala

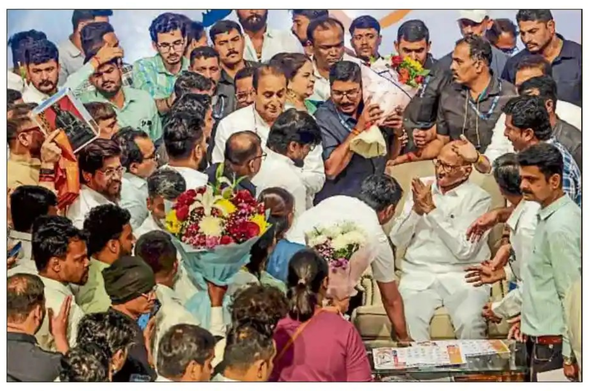
BENGALURU, DHNS: The railways has extended the following special trains in view of heavy demand from Sabarimala devotees and the forthcoming Pongal festival:

Train number 07313 Hubballi–Kollam will now run until January 1, 2026. As per the revised schedule, it will arrive at Kollam at 1.15 pm, instead of 12.55 pm. Train number 07314 Kollam–Hubballi will now operate until January 26. Both these trains will run via SMVT Bengaluru and KR Puram.

Train number 06523 SMVT Bengaluru–Thiruvananthapuram North will continue until January 26. Train number 06524 Thiruvananthapuram North–SMVT Bengaluru Express Special will operate until January 27.

Train number 06547 SMVT Bengaluru–Thiruvananthapuram North will operate until January 29.

Train number 06548 Thiruvananthapuram North–SMVT Bengaluru will run until January 30.



NCP (SP) leaders and workers gather to celebrate party chief Sharad Pawar's 85th birthday at the Y B Chavan Centre in Mumbai on Friday. PTI PHOTO

Special trains to connect B'luru with Kerala, Goa & Hyderabad

BENGALURU, DHNS: The railways will operate special trains connecting Bengaluru with Goa, Kerala and Hyderabad around Christmas and New Year. Train number 07362 will leave Thiruvananthapuram North at 12.40 pm on December 24 and arrive at SMVT Bengaluru at 5.50 am.

Train No 06561 will depart from SMVT Bengaluru at 3 pm on Dec 27 and reach Kollam at 7.25 am.

Train No 06562 will leave Kollam at 10.40 am on December 28 and reach Hubballi at 10.30 am via KR Puram and SMVT. Train No 06505 will depart from Yeshwantpur at 12.20 am on Dec 25 and 30 and reach Vasco Da Gama at 1.50 pm.

Train No 06511 will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 11.35 pm on December 26 and reach Vasco Da Gama at 1.50 pm. Train number 07159 will depart from Charlapalli (Hyderabad) at 10 pm on Dec 24 and 29 and arrive at Yelahanka at 11.45 am.

443	236	Private	Dry	0.007703	Pujari Mahadevi Mahadeva, Majagi Mahadeva Mallappa, Koli Chandravva kom kempanna, National Highways Authority of India Rahe 48(4) New Delhi 236/*
444	237	Private	Dry	0.010856	Koli Suresha Dundappa, Koli Gurshid Sidram 237/*
445	238	Private	Dry	0.011559	Nagannvar Ramesh Shidram 238/*
446	239	Private	Dry	0.01487	Bulli Lakshmibai Bharamappa 239/*
447	27	Private	Wet	0.087117	Hatharagi parappa yallappa, Hiremath Sulochana son of Vinodayya, Katholi Babu Dundappa, Itappagola Chennappa Siddappa, Patil Rayappa Parappa, Hataraki alias Nayaka Parasappa Bhima, Hatti Satteppa Balappa, Chori alias Badadahatti Chandrappa Shivamurthy, Holera alias Tokale Ananda Shankara, Naik Suresh Siddappa, Kulala Ramesh Chandu, Mishrakoti Sachina Parashurama, Kulala Ramesh Chandu, Vithappagol Mallappa Maruti, Kambale Siddhavva Peerappa, Vithappagola Balakrishna Shivaputra 27/28
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449	27	Private	Wet	0.016247	Badiger Ashoka Bharama 27/29
450	27	Private	Wet	0.001203	Naik Kempaiya Gangappa 27/1
451	28	Private	Wet	0.074625	Hukkeri Shivaputra Lakshmana 28/*
452	29	Private	Dry	0.016841	Patil Gangavva Basagowda,Hukkeri Kallappa Ishwa,Harijan Gauravvas father Shivamurthy,Holera Mahadevi s/o Dundappa, Holera Shivappa Lakshman, Holera Urf Shalyagola Lakshmana Shankar, Holera Urf Shalyagola Shivanand Shankar,Hukkeri Kallappa Ishwar,Harijan Gauravvas father Shivamurthy,Halluri Mahadevi Gurunath,Halluri Lagama Bharama,Hukkeri Kallappa Ishwar,Harijan Gauravvas father Shivamurth 29
453	8	Private	Dry	0.01497	Hadakar Erappa Sadashiva 8*/1A
454	Settlement	Private	Dry/ NAK	0.0932489	Rekha Sures Savalagi VPC No.1378, Lakshmibai Rama Savalagi VPC No.1308, Suresh Ramappa Savalagi VPC No.1378, Peerappa Siddappa Savalagi VPC No.1311, Jyotiba Kalappas Story VPC No.1377, Shankar Annappa Khanugol VPC No.840, Kempavva Shankar Nandgawi VPC No.1400, Pundalika Ramappa Nandagavi, Balakrishna Ramappa Nandgawi, Shankar Babu Nandgawi, Rudrappa Basavanth Nandgavi, Raju Nirvani Nandgawi, Bharamagowda Lakhamagowda Patil, Uttam Shankar Bammannavara VPC No.844, Rajshri Uttam Bammannavara VPC No.1295, Santosh Sidrama Bammannavara VPC No.845, Balagowda Shivagowda Patil VPC No.851, Nanagouda Shivagouda Patil VPC No.852, Shivagowda Malagowda Patil VPC No.854, Rudragowda Malagowda Patil VPC No.853, PWD GOVT. VPC No.855,856, Kiran Adiveppa Masewadi VPC No.859/B, Lakshmibai Shivappa Mother VPC No.872, Ganapati Basappa Madara VPC No.865,Kashavva Shivananda Dodabangi VPC No.1249, Sangeeta Vijaya Hatagol VPC No.1200/A, Sunil Guruappa Ravaloji VPC No.1162, Geeta Nandappa Ravaloji VPC No.1162/B, Sadashiva Sivagowda Patil VPC No., Yallava Ashoka Byakudi VPC No., Rekha Balappa Gangannavara VPC No., Phuladevi Babu Davane VPC No.1035, Vidyaniketan School Gotura VPC No.1432, Sunil Ramappa Badigera VPC No.1276, Santosh Ramappa Badigera VPC No.1276, Tanaji Ramappa Badigera VPC No.1360, Suman Tanaji Badigera VPC No.1401, Rekha Raju Badigera VPC No.1359, Ravasaheb Bhima Badigera VPC No.1280/A, Mahadevi Ravasaheb Badigera VPC No.1280, The Servant Lives in a hut VPC No.1274, Shivaji Ravasaheb Badigera VPC No.990, Subhas Ravasaheb Badigera VPC No.990, Jyotiba Ashoka Badigera VPC No.990, Chidananda Babu Badigera VPC No.990, Girish S.Shirage VPC No.1147, Parasappa Pandit Halluri VPC No., Sanju Ganagappa Naki Urpa Hattaraki VPC No.1394, Jyotiba Babu Davane VPC No.1271, Basavanni Lakshmana Ghasti VPC No.938, Mayappa Lakshman Ghasti VPC No.938/C, Geeta Ashoka Ghasti VPC No.1248, Mahadevi Siddappa Bugadikatti VPC No., Zaheda arrested for Prostitution VPC No., Geetha Kempanna Kambale VPC No.1210, Lakshmibai Bhimappa Gadakka VPC No.937/B, 1)Rama 2)Lakshmana Bhimappa Gangannavara VPC No.1175, Manjula Dundappa Patil VPC No.1480, Sushila Shankar Accountant VPC No.1409, Maruti Gangappa Madara VPC No.915, Government Senior Kannada School, Gotura VPC No.914/A, Raju Appasaheb Patil VPC No.907, Nagesh Bharamappa,sit down VPC No.895, Gajanan Ravasaheb Patil VPC No.1257, Maruti Malagoud Patil VPC No., Pandurang Mallappa Ravaloji VPC No.1049, Tanaji Ramappa Ravaloji VPC No.879, Ashok Ramappa Ravaloji VPC No.878/B, Ganapathi Ravaji Ravaloji VPC No.1087, Siddappa Bhimappa Ravaloji VPC No.877, Srikanth Ravaji Ravaloji VPC No.1088, Government Senior Kannada School, Gotura VPC No.395/A, Gram Panchayat Irrigation Office VPC No.398, 1)Babu,2)Mahipal Sannakadappa Chowgala VPC No.399, Ramu Kempanna Chowgala VPC No.401,Sri Halasiddanatha Temple site (Gram Panchayat water tank) VPC No.421, Suresh Bhimappa Chowgala VPC No.560/A, Suresh Bhimappa Chowgala VPC No. 560/B, Houshavva Payappa Magadum VPC No.561, Houshavva Payappa VPC No.561, Lagama Rama Savalagi VPC No.562, Kareppa Dundappa Savalagi VPC No.564, Parasappa Dundappa Savalagi VPC No.577, Aparai Devappa Chowgala VPC No.551/B, Ramappa Parasappa Savalagi VPC No.566, Jayashree Lagama Halluri VPC No.584, Chandrakanth Kempanna Patil VPC No.585, Rajashree Ravasab Jambuti VPC No.586, Parashurama Siddappa Bugadikatti VPC No.586, Satyava kalappa Jambuti VPC No.588, Suresh Satyappa Jambuti VPC No.588, Sridevi Ramesh Jambuti VPC No.589, 1)Annapa 2Siddappa Maruti Galate VPC No.1320, Parvati Jyotiba Mather VPC No.1271. Setteltment

Village: Boragalla

455	290	Govt	Dry	0.01456	Government Land 290/1
456	290	Govt	Dry	0.0042229	Government Land 290/2
457	291	Private	Dry	0.0053581	Kumbar Babu Shettepa, Kumbar Gajanana Mallappa 291/*
458	309	Private	Dry	0.0064073	Senduri Mallikarjuna Eerappa, Shenduri Sunitha Basavanni alias Basavaraja 309/*
459	310	Private	Dry	0.00158	Magadumma Mallikarjuna Annappa DT Chanamallappa 310/1
460	310	Private	Dry	0.036788	Magadumma Akkatai Mallikarjuna 310/2
461	311	Govt	Dry	0.0192846	Government land 311/*
462	449	Private	Dry	0.0050012	Magadum Shivananda Eerappa 449/*
463	459	Private	Wet	0.0004739	Magadum Mallappa Dhareppa 459/*
464	465	Private	Dry	0.031628	Magadum Shankara Basappa 465/*
465	471	Private	Dry	0.0225865	"Magadumma Basavanni Virupakshi, Magadumma Shambholinga Virupakshi, Magadumma Mallappa Virupakshi 471/1,2,3"
466	506	Private	Dry	0.0119511	Bennalli Sushila Shankar Ashok mallappa Bennihalli 506/1
467	507	Private	Dry	0.0005428	Magadum Shankara Chanamalla 507/*
468	51	Private	Dry	0.0001151	PWD, Holera Erappa Lakshmana 51/*
469	55	Private	Dry	0.0330919	Patil Ramagowda Balagowda Shankar Rayagouda Patil 55/*

Village: Amminabhavi

470	20	Private	Dry	0.0022489	Holera Balava tayi Shivabai, kempanna krishnappa holyar urf koli 20/2
471	24	Private	Dry	0.0028493	Madyaali Mallappa Lagama 24/1
472	27	Private	Dry	0.0013237	Patil Appayyagowda Basagowda, Patil Prabhudheva Basagowda, Patil Annapurna Basagowda 27/1
473	28	Private	Dry	0.0046114	Patil Girisha Prabhudeva, Patil Sridara Prabudeva, Patil Mayur Prabudeva 28/*
474	31	Private	Dry	0.000706	Patil Siddagouda Malaguda 31/1
475	32	Private	Dry	0.003295	Magadumma Shivavva Dhareppa, Khandugola Santosh Mallappa, Gowdadi Appanna Basappa, Gowdadi Kempanna Bharamappa, Gowdadi Appanna Basappa, Gowdadi Kempanna Bharamappa, Magadumma Shivappa Mallappa, Khandugol Bharamappa Shivappa, Chatty Shankar Kadappa, Dhyamani Mahadevi w/o Rudrappa, Chate Praveenkumar Appasaheb, Chatty Ramappa Dundappa, Chatty Channappa Bhimappa, Shakuntala Basappa Hunachyali, Hunachyali Shekavva Basappa 32/1,,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
476	33	Private	Dry	0.0038651	Holera yallappa shiddappa 33/1
477	34	Private	Dry	0.0009612	Nidasosi Kempanna Da.Tm.Girimalla 34/4
478	34	Private	Dry	0.024865	Patil Niranjan Eeragowda 34/2
479	34	Private	Dry	0.009312	Inandara Govinda Hari 34/3
480	34	Private	Dry	0.001164	Nidasosi Kempanna Da.Tm.Girimalla 34/4
481	35	Private	Dry	0.026523	Kalai Basavaraja Shivappa 35/1
482	35	Private	Dry	0.010512	Patil Anita Ko Pradeepa 35/2
483	35	Private	Dry	0.016011	Tharapatti Dundappa Eerappa 35/3
484	36	Private	Dry	0.017434	"Mallikarjun Rajendra Hunachyali Bastavadi Dhula Chinchani Lakshmana Balappa Chinchani Ramappa Dundappa36/*, 36 A/1, 36 A/2"
485	38	Private	Dry	0.0016509	Kamani Basappa Kamappa 38/1
486	39	Private	Dry	0.0035013	Patil Sunil Adopted father Babasaheb, Patil Malagowda Shankaragowda, Patil Appasaba Chanagowda 39/4
487	40	Private	Dry	0.000203	Malagi Annasaba Gangappa 40/4
488	42	Private	Dry	0.0014594	Magadum Dundappa Siddappa, Holera alias Kale Sanjiva Mallappa, Magadum Ashoka Erappa 42/3
489	43	Private	Dry	0.0016374	Kadesh Appasaheb Hukkeri 43/2
490	44	Private	Dry	0.002063	Kotagi Shobha Vishwanath 44B/1
491	44	Private	Dry	0.004382	Kotagi Gurupadappa Basavanni 44B/2
492	45	Private	Dry	0.021077	Tharapatti Bharamappa Maruti 45/1
493	45	Private	Dry	0.023513	Patil Balagowda Ningowda, Patil Niranjan Eeragowda 45/2
494	46	Private	Dry	0.019185	Magadum Lalita Sadashiva 46/1
495	46	Private	Dry	0.017479	Malagi Ashoka Channappa 46/2
496	46	Private	Dry	0.011976	Chowgala Savitri Kom Shivarai 46/3
497	47	Private	Dry	0.004112	Kori Gurulinga Appanna, Kore Suresh Rudrappa 47/1
498	49	Private	Dry	0.005034	Hunachyali Maruti Gangappa, Hunachyali Basavanni Gangappa, Hunachyali Mallappa Gangappa, Hunachyali Subhas Mallappa, Hunachyali Kempanna Gangappa 49/3
499	52	Private	Dry	0.0212633	Humbarwadi sangeeta shivanand 52/1

Village: Nidashoshi

500	22	Private	Wet	0.12437	Jarali Mahalinga Kallappa, Jarali Gangadhara Kallappa, Jarali Dundappa Eerappa, Jarali Umesh Tamanna , Jarali Gangadhara Kallappa, Jarali Dundappa Eerappa, Jarali Umesh Tamanna Jarali Mahalinga Kallappa 22/1,2,3
501	37	Private	Dry	0.006772	Ramachandra Shivappa Vaghe 37/36
502	37	Private	Dry	0.011724	Kammar Prabhavathi Babu 37/9A
503	37	Private	Dry	0.008189	Parit Sunil Mahadeva 37/25
504	37	Private	Dry	0.004709	Konakeri Basavanni Nijappa 37/9D
505	37	Private	Dry	0.004344	Killedara Dilipa Khanderao 37/9E
506	37	Private	Dry	0.002781	Padmai Akkappa Appanna, Sanadi Ashoka Shankara, Sankappal Suresh Dundappa, Chavan Manohar Dattu 37/9F
507	37	Private	Dry	0.011459	Mutkali Dundappa Basappa, Mudalagi Shivappa Shivlinga, Mutnali Dundappa Basappa, Nandihalli Lakshmana Bhimappa, Ravasaheba Ramappa Thabbanavar Annappa Shankar Magadum 37/10A
508	37	Private	Dry	0.025779	Mudlagi Ramagowda Dundappa 37/13A/1
509	37	Private	Dry	0.004601	Galigali Sunil Bhimappa 37/13B
510	37	Private	Dry	0.014467	Chandrakanth Shivamurthy Mudalagi 37/26
511	37	Private	Dry	0.005607	Janamatti Babu Ningappapa 37/32
512	37	Private	Dry	0.012494	Shri Vinay 37/27
513	37	Private	Dry	0.001586	Mudalagi Bhimappa Shivalinga 37/19
514	40	Private	Dry	0.162261	Galagi Ashoka Dundappa, Padmai Shivashankara Shivamurthy, Patil Shidagowda Malagada, Hedduri Dundappa Shivamurthy, Huddara Mallimakarjuna Balappa, Attar Rafiq Bapu 40/*
515	41	Private	Wet	0.003036	Jarali Lakshmi Ishwara 41/1
516	41	Private	Wet	0.020141	Jarali Santhosh Dundappa 41/8
517	41	Private	Wet	0.042348	Kumbar Mallappa Bheemappa ,Kumbar Veerabhadra Basalinga 41/2
518	41	Private	Wet	0.0367	Kumbar Veerabhadra Basalinga 41/3
519	41	Private	Wet	0.041075	Suji Mahantesh Dundappa 41/4
520	41	Private	Wet	0.043521	Kumbar Veerabadra Parappa 41/5
521	41	Private	Wet	0.042658	Kumbar Saroja Shivalinga, Kumbara Sonavva Appaiya 41/6
522	41	Private	Wet	0.008695	Lakshmi Duradundi Aluri 41/9
523	41	Private	Wet	0.010499	Lakshmi Duradundi Aluri 41/10
524	43	Private	Dry	0.028103	Tahsildar Hukkeri 43/1
525	44	Private	Dry	0.097825	President Sri Duradundeshwara Matha Kamathanur 44/1
526	44	Private	Dry	0.025737	Field Development Officers on behalf of Karnataka Governor 44/2
527	44	Private	Dry	0.029393	Moodalagi Ramagowda Dundappa, Sankeshwari Duradundi Ningappa 44/3
528	44	Private	Dry	0.019047	Mookanavara Mahadevi Dasharatha, Mukannavara Ningavva Appasaheb, Nijannavara Surekha Nijappa Hovagar (gurav) Sangamesh Mahalingappa 44/4 44/5
529	45	Private	Dry	0.125447	"Governor Government of Karnataka Galathagimath Shivamurthy Mallappa, Hiremath Gurusatha Kivadaya, Chowkimath Sangaiya Chanabasayya, Khot Panduranga Parasappa, Shinge Mallappa Nagappa, Kalai Bhimappa Dundappa, Karshatti Dasharatha Rama, Kambale Lakshmibai and Shivappa, Ninganuri Kalagowda Mahalingagowda Sri Jagadguru Duradundeshwara Shikshana Sangha Nadhapa Babasaheb Appasaheb 45*/2 45*/3 45A/* 45K/* 45D/*"
530	46	Private	Dry	0.177303	Sri Jagadguru Duradundeshwara Education So Nidasosi Sriman Niranjan Jagadguru Panchama Nijalingeshwara Mahaswamy Trust Nidasosi, PWD 46K/* 46A/*
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Crypto mogul Do Kwon sentenced to 15 years in prison

NEW YORK, AP/PTI: One-time cryptocurrency mogul Do Kwon was sentenced Thursday to 15 years in prison after a $40 billion crash revealed his crypto ecosystem to be a fraud. Victims said the 34-year-old financial technology whiz weaponised their trust to convince them that the investment — secretly propped up by cash infusions — was safe.

Kwon, a Stanford graduate known by some as "the cryptocurrency king," apologised after listening as victims — one in court and others by telephone — described the scam's toll: wiping out nest eggs, depleting charities and wrecking lives. One told the judge in a letter that he contemplated suicide after his father lost his retirement money in the scheme.

Engelmayer said the government's recommendation of a 12-year prison sentence was "unreasonably lenient" and the defence's request for five years was "utterly unthinkable and wildly unreasonable." Kwon faced a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

Israel gives legal status to 19 West Bank settlements

Palestinians condemn latest settlement move

JERUSALEM, REUTERS

New buildings stand around the Israeli settlement Migdalim near Nablus, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. REUTERS FILE

Israel's cabinet has decided to grant legal status to 19 settlements in the occupied West Bank, including two that were vacated 20 years ago under a pullout intended to bolster the country's security and economy, Israeli media reported.

The Palestinian Authority on Friday condemned the move, which was announced late on Thursday. Some of the settlements are newly established, while others are older, according to Israeli media.

The decision to legalise the settlements in the West Bank — territory that Palestinians seek for a future state — was proposed by far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz. Most world powers consider Israel's settlements, built on land captured in the 1967 war, illegal. Numerous UN Security Council resolutions have called on Israel to halt all settlement activity. Israel disputes this, saying it has historical and biblical ties to the land.

Construction of settlements — including some built without official Israeli authorisation — has increased under Israel's far-right governing coalition, further fragmenting the West Bank and separating Palestinian towns and cities from one another. The 19 settlements include two from which Israel withdrew in 2005 under a disengagement plan overseen by former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a policy that focused mainly on Gaza.

Under the plan, which the settler movement opposed at the time, all 21 Israeli settlements in Gaza were ordered to be evacuated. Most settlements in the West Bank were not affected.

In a statement on Friday, Palestinian Authority minister Mu'ayyad Sha'ban described the announcement as another step towards erasing Palestinian geography.

Thai, Cambodian leaders have agreed to renew ceasefire: Trump

WASHINGTON, AP/PTI: President Donald Trump said Friday that Thai and Cambodian leaders have agreed to renew a truce after days of deadly clashes had threatened to undo a ceasefire the US administration had helped broker earlier.

Trump announced the agreement to restart the ceasefire in a social media posting following calls with Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet. "They have agreed to CEASE all shooting effective this evening, and go back to the original Peace Accord made with me, and them, with the help of the Great Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim," Trump said in his Truth Social posting.

The original ceasefire in July was brokered by Malaysia and pushed through by pressure from Trump, who threatened to withhold trade privileges unless Thailand and Cambodia agreed.

It was formalised in more detail in October at a regional meeting in Malaysia that Trump attended.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

An undated photo from the personal collection of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein shows Donald Trump posing with a group of women wearing Hawaiian-style leis. AFP

Epstein files: Democrats release photos of Trump and Clinton

▸ House Democrats released a selection of photos from the estate of Jeffrey Epstein on Friday, including some of Donald Trump, Bill Clinton and the former Prince Andrew, AP/PTI reports from Washington.

The 19 photos released by Democratic lawmakers on the House Oversight Committee were a small part of more than 95,000 they received from the estate of Epstein, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019 while awaiting sex trafficking charges. The photos released Friday were separate from the case files that the Department of Justice is now compelled to release. The photos were released without captions or context and included a black-and-white image of Trump alongside six women whose faces were blacked out. The committee did not say why their faces were blacked out. Several of the photos have already circulated in the public. "It is time to end this White House cover-up and bring justice to the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and his powerful friends," said Rep. Robert Garcia, the top Democrat on the Oversight Committee, in a statement. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the photos.

Reddit sues Australian govt

▸ Global online forum Reddit on Friday filed a court challenge to Australia's world-first law that bans Australian children younger than 16 from holding accounts on the world's most popular social media platforms, AP/PTI reports from Melbourne.

California-based Reddit Inc's suit filed in the High Court follows a case filed last month by Sydney-based rights group Digital Freedom Project. Both suits claim the law is unconstitutional because it infringes on Australia's implied freedom of political communication. "We believe there are more effective ways for the Australian government to accomplish our shared goal of protecting youth, and the Social Media Minimum Age law carries some serious privacy and political expression issues for everyone on the internet," Reddit said in a statement.

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ACT UPON THE PARIS AGREEMENT
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Activists protest at a demonstration organised by Extinction Rebellion on the 10th anniversary of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, calling for more climate protection, in Berlin on Friday. REUTERS

Thailand's Parliament dissolved

▸ Thailand's Parliament was dissolved Friday for new elections early next year as the country engaged in deadly fighting with Cambodia, AP/PTI reports from Bangkok.

Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul dissolved the House of Representatives after obtaining approval from King Maha Vajiralongkorn, whose endorsement took effect on Friday. Anutin had signalled the move with a Facebook post late Thursday saying: "I'd like to return power to the people." The election must be held 45 to 60 days after the royal endorsement, a period during which Anutin will head a caretaker government.

Iran arrests Nobel Peace laureate

▸ Iran has arrested Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi, AP/PTI reports from Dubai.

A foundation in her name said she was detained at a memorial for a human rights lawyer recently found dead under disputed circumstances. There was no immediate comment from Iran over its detention of Mohammadi, 53. However, supporters had warned for months Mohammadi was at risk of being put back into prison after she received a furlough in December 2024 over medical concerns. While that was to be only three weeks, Mohammadi's time out of prison lengthened, possibly as activists and Western powers pushed Iran to keep her free. She remained out even during the 12-day war in June between Iran and Israel.

Guillaume Broche, creator of the video game "Clair Obscur: Expedition 33", accepts the award for Game of The Year in Los Angeles on Thursday. AFP

Bangladesh's ex-PM Khaleda Zia placed on ventilator support

DHAKA, PTI: Former Bangladesh prime minister Khaleda Zia's health condition has deteriorated and she was placed on ventilator support.

"Her breathing difficulties increased, her oxygen level fell, and carbon dioxide levels rose," according to a statement on Thursday by the chief of the medical board cardiologist Shahabuddin Talukdar.

It said the 80-year-old former premier was previously being treated with "High Flow Nasal Cannula and BiPAP support, but as there was no improvement.

US plan sees Ukraine joining EU in 2027

KYIV, AFP

Ukraine could join the European Union as early as January 2027 under the latest US plan to end the war with Russia, a senior source familiar with the matter told AFP on Friday.

The complicated EU accession process usually takes years and requires a unanimous vote from all 27 members of the bloc, and some countries, most notably Hungary, have consistently voiced opposition to Ukraine joining.

The idea of a speedy accession is included in the latest version of a US-led plan to end the war, which would also see Ukraine cede land to Russia, and has triggered a diplomatic frenzy across Europe in recent weeks. "It's stated there but it's a matter for negotiation, and the Americans support it," the senior official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, referring to the US plan.

Washington has the leverage needed to convince leaders opposed to Ukraine's membership to change their stance, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told journalists on Thursday. "The United States can take steps to unblock our path to the European Union," he said, adding that "the US president has various levers of influence and that this will have an effect on those who are currently blocking Ukraine."

Kyiv has long strived for EU membership and has been implementing reforms since a pro-European 2014 revolution, but has struggled to eradicate endemic corruption -- a core prerequisite for joining the bloc. After completing a diplomatic tour across Europe last week, Zelenskyy was due in Berlin on Monday for more talks on the plan.

India, China hold new round of talks on bilateral ties

BEIJING, PTI

Senior officials from the foreign ministries of India and China have held a new round of consultations in Beijing, affirming positive progress in bilateral ties after a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in August.

Sujit Ghosh, Joint Secretary of the East Asia Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, and Liu Jinsong, Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, held consultations on Thursday, a press release by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

The two sides affirmed the recent positive progress in China-India relations and expressed their commitment to fully implementing the important common understandings reached between Modi and Xi during their meeting in Tianjin in August, it said.

Ghosh later called on Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong. During their meeting, Sun said PM Modi and President Xi had a successful meeting in Tianjin on the sidelines of the SCO summit, providing guidance on elevating China-India ties to a new level.

He expressed hope that both sides will effectively deliver on the important common understandings reached between their leaders, embrace a broader vision, build mutual trust, make solid efforts, work steadily to advance cooperation, respect each other, properly manage differences, and promote the continuous development of China-India relations, the release said. It quoted Ghosh as saying that India-China relations are very important.

India is willing to work together with China, under the strategic guidance of the leaders of both countries, to resume institutional dialogue, strengthen exchanges and cooperation, and consolidate the development momentum of India-China relations, he said, the release added.

FERTILITY PUSH

China's 'condom tax' draws skepticism

BEIJING, AP/PTI

China will soon begin collecting a value-added tax on contraceptive drugs and products for the first time in over three decades, in a move aligned with Beijing's push to encourage families to have more children after years of limiting most to one child.

Under the country's newest value-added tax law, "contraceptive drugs and products" will no longer be tax-exempt from 1 January. Items such as condoms will now be subject to the standard 13 per cent value-added tax imposed on most products.

State-run media outlets have not given prominent coverage to the change, but it has been trending on Chinese social media, drawing ridicule from users who joked that anyone would be foolish not to realise that raising a child is far more expensive than buying condoms, even if they are taxed.

Experts, meanwhile, have expressed concerns that higher costs may lead to an increase in unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. China's former "one-child" policy, enforced from around 1980 to 2015, involved hefty fines, other penalties and, at times, forced abortions.

The limit was raised to two children in 2015 and then to three children in 2021, as China's population began to peak and then decline.

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.

No: KREIS/EE-2/Tender-23/2025-26 Date: 12-12-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

The tenders have been invited for **Construction of (SC) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Govt. Pre-Metric Boys Hostel at Raybhag, Belagavi District, Drilling of Borewells, Electrical and Civil Repair works in the jurisdiction of KREIS (Tender Indent No. 665/call-3, 779, 724, 747, 727, 524, 596, 523, 572, 559, 558, 557, 556, 555, 426/call-2, 369/call-5, 420/call-2, 469/call-2, 467/call-2, 536/call-2 and 795/call-2)** through e-Portal vide website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **12.12.2025.** The last date for receipt of tenders is **29.12.2025 and 12.01.2026 respectively.** The details may be viewed at above website.

Note: Any changes in term tender notification will not be published in dailies. It will be published in e-Procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-2
KREIS

DIPR/CP/YC/4411/2025-26

Unnathi Enterprises
Chikkamagaluru District
Phone: 0826-2233338 / 6362941338
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Professionals Needed
(On Outsource Basis)

Applications are invited for selection of Human Resources on outsourcing basis for the effective implementation of RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) Programme through Directorate of MSME, Department of Industries and Commerce, GoK.

Graduates / Post Graduates with minimum years of experience in industry or organizations can apply through the following link.

Link: https://forms.gle/ULh5Gu7FtcHQPG6AA

The link may be obtained from Karnataka Council for Technological Upgradation (KCTU) website **https://kctu.karnataka.gov.in.**

Last date for submission of applications: **20/12/2025.**

DIPR/CP/4424/AKAR/2025-26

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಸಮಂ/ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ /ಟೆಂಡರ್–45/2ನೇಕರೆ/2025–26
ದಿ:09.12.2025

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪುರಸ್ಕೃತ ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 ನಿಧಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು KTTP Act –1999 & 2000ರಂತೆ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು KW-3 ರ ದಾಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.12.2025 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸೂಚನಾ ಫಲಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.mandyacity.mrc.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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RANI CHANNAMMA UNIVERSITY
Vidyasangama, National Highway – 04, Bhootaramanahatti, Belagavi – 591156 (**NAAC Accredited with B+ Grade - 2021**)
E-mail: registrar@rcub.ac.in, aee@rcub.ac.in **Phone No.:** 0831-2565234/42
Office of the Registrar

Ref: RCU/Belagavi/RO/BS/2025-26/4951 **Date:12.12.2025**

: Press Note:

Short term Tender Notification

The Registrar, Rani Channamma University Belagavi invites short term tender for following work on **12.12.2025**. Desired eligible Bidder may apply before **20.12.2025 by 5.00 PM** through **KPPP** Portal. The work's amount put to tender & EMD details are given as below. For further information kindly visit University website www.rcub.ac.in or the Engineering Division at University.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender	EMD
1.	Providing Internal water supply scheme through Borewell Source to RCU New campus at Hirebagewadi, Belagavi **(RCUB/2025-26/WS/ WORK_INDENT 12 /CALL-2)**	Rs.369.00 Lakhs	Rs. 5,53,500

Sd/-
The Registrar

BANGALORE WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, 3rd Main Road, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040

No.EE(VJN)/TEND/KPPP/11/2025-26 **Date: 11.12.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPPP Only) (Two Cover System)

1. The Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, BWCC invites standard tender documents KW-2 on behalf of the Commissioner, BWCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with PWD/CPWD or any state Governmental Organization for the execution of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). 2.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the new KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka. **3.** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Amount put to tender in lakhs/EMD amount in Rs.
	(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (KW-2) **&** Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs) **: 30.00**
	Annual Maintenance of Roads & Footpath in Ward jurisdiction area in
1	Ward No 144. Amount put to tender : **Rs.27.94 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 55,880.00.** Category **: Others.**
2	Ward No 145. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.04 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,080.00.** Category **: ST.**
3	Ward No 146. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.11 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,220.00.** Category **: Others.**
4	Ward No 147. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.36 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,720.00.** Category **: CAT-IIA.**
5	Ward No 148. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.30 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,600.00.** Category **: SC.**
6	Ward No 149. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.30 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,600.00.** Category **: Others.**
7	Ward No 150. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.11 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,220.00.** Category **: CAT-I.**
8	Ward No 151. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.16 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,320.00.** Category **: SC.**
9	Ward No 152. Amount put to tender : **Rs.28.10 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 56,200.00.** Category **: Others.**

Calendar of events:
1.Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP: From **20.12.2025 Onwards**
2. Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **12.01.2026 upto 16:00 Hrs**
3. Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **13.01.2026 at 16.30 Hours**
4. Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **(Will be intimated Through e-procurement).**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, Malleshwaram Zone-2, BWCC

Retail inflation rises to 0.71% in November; food prices firm up

Below RBI's medium-term target for 10th straight month

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's annual retail inflation rose marginally to 0.71% in November from a record low of 0.25% in the previous month, as prices of some food items, especially vegetables, eggs, meat and spices firmed up, as per government data released on Friday.

The Consumer Price Index-based (CPI) inflation witnessed 46 basis points increase on a month-on-month basis. Despite the firming up, the headline inflation has remained below the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4% for the 10th straight month.

Food deflation narrowed to 3.91% in November, from 5.02% in the previous month. This indicates firming up in the prices of food items on a month-on-month basis. "The base effect, which has been suppressing vegetable and pulses inflation, is now beginning to fade," said Crisil Principal Economist Dipti Deshpande.

Adjusting for seasonality, food prices recorded a mild uptick of 0.2% on-month (with a 1.6% uptick in vegetable prices), reflecting the impact of unseasonal rains and delayed harvest arrivals, she said.

Core inflation, which excludes the volatile prices of food and fuel, declined marginally to 4.3% in November from 4.4% in October. All the major sub-items saw a moderation in the inflation levels, reflecting the impact of GST rate rationalisation.

This was despite personal care and effects inflation touching a fresh high of 24% in November, mainly due to the increase in gold and silver prices. Gold inflation stood at 58% in November. "If we exclude gold from headline CPI, it turns negative at -0.12% YoY," SBI Research said in a note.

"We believe, given the current trend, CPI excluding gold will remain negative in the next month as well," it added.

According to SBI Research, GST rationalisation has led to 25 basis points reduction in CPI inflation in the September-November period. "We believe that this impact doesn't account for the discounts on e-commerce sales which could be higher because of GST reduction," it said.

Inflation has remained below the RBI's lower tolerance limit of 2% for the third successive month.

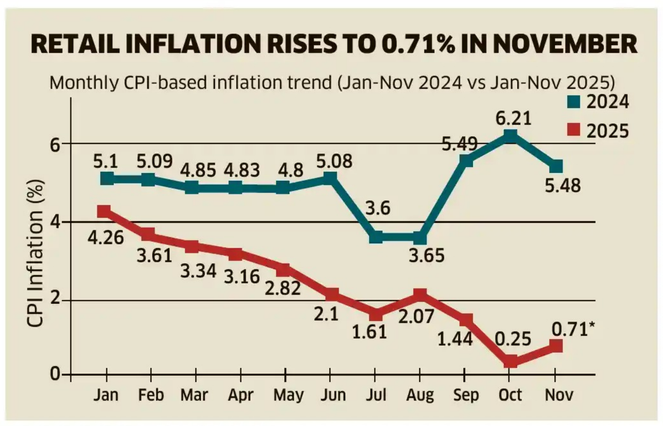
India Ratings and Research Associate Director Paras Jasrai said such low inflation is not good for the Indian economy, especially from a fiscal point of view.

"The deflationary trend prevails still across various food items as per the latest price data available (till 11 December 2025). Thus, with continuation of benign food prices, we expect the retail inflation to be near 1% in December 2025," Jasrai said.

According to ICRA, in December, inflation may rise to over 1.5%. "A continued base-normalisation and the hardening in prices of some vegetables could make the headline CPI inflation cross 1.5% in the next print, which will be the last before the next MPC," said ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar.

The next meeting of the RBI's rate setting panel monetary policy committee (MPC) is scheduled from February 4-6.

"In our view, the evolving inflation-growth outlook, as well as the fiscal policy measures unveiled by the next Union Budget, will guide the MPC's next decision. Our base case suggests a pause in the MPC's February 2026 policy review," Nayar said.


RETAIL INFLATION RISES TO 0.71% IN NOVEMBER
Monthly CPI-based inflation trend (Jan-Nov 2024 vs Jan-Nov 2025)
2024
2025
CPI Inflation (%)
0
2
4
6
5.1 5.09 4.85 4.83 4.8 5.08 3.6 3.65 5.49 6.21 5.48
4.26 3.61 3.34 3.16 2.82 2.1 1.61 2.07 1.44 0.25 0.71*
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov

* Provisional

Source : MoSPI

Wipro, Microsoft to co-develop AI solutions

BENGALURU, DHNS: Wipro has announced a three-year partnership with Microsoft to co-develop industry-specific AI solutions for financial services, retail, manufacturing, healthcare & life sciences, airports and other sectors.

Wipro said this collaboration brings together its consulting-led approach and deep engineering expertise with Microsoft's cloud and AI platforms, including Microsoft Azure, Microsoft 365 Copilot, GitHub Copilot, Azure AI Foundry, and third-party integrations with leading enterprise platforms.

The deployment of over 50,000 Microsoft Copilot licences represents a strategic investment to complement Wipro's AI journey. As a part of the partnership, a new Microsoft Innovation Hub was launched at Wipro's Partner Labs in Bengaluru.

Fidelity International buys stake in Meesho

NEW DELHI, PTI: Investment management firm Fidelity International has acquired a 6.3% stake in e-commerce firm Meesho, according to a regulatory filing.

Fidelity received Meesho shares at the time of IPO.

According to the filing, Fidelity has received 284,310,115 shares accounting for 6.3% stake in Meesho.

The stake acquired by Fidelity is valued at around Rs 3,155 crore, based on the issue price of Rs 111 apiece.

Meesho shares listed at over a 53% premium on Wednesday, against the issue price of Rs 111, taking the company's market valuation to Rs 77,000 crore.

Meesho shares closed at Rs 165.2 apiece at BSE on Friday.

IndiGo appoints aviation expert to review flight disruption

Objective to find opportunities for improvement

BENGALURU, DHNS

IndiGo, on Friday, announced that its Board has approved the appointment of Chief Aviation Advisors LLC, led by Captain John Illson, veteran aviation expert, to conduct an independent expert review and assessment of the recent operational disruption and the contributing factors.

Illson brings more than four decades of aviation experience across the FAA, ICAO, IATA, and major global carriers. With an illustrious track record in global air transport, he brings expertise in global aviation strategy, customised consulting, safety leadership, setting international standards, and new aircraft technologies.

The objective is to conduct an independent root-cause analysis of the recent operational disruption, besides opportunities for improvement. This decision follows the recommendation of the Crisis Management Group (CMG) constituted by the IndiGo Board. As part of its assessment, the CMG advised commissioning an independent expert review in the matter.

With the Board's approval now in place, the review will begin at the earliest, and the independent expert reviewer will submit a comprehensive report to the Board upon completion, the company said in a statement.

IndiGo also said that it has achieved operational normalisation and stability since the last four days and it is set to operate over 2,000 flights from Friday as per its revised scaled-down schedule. "All our 138 operational destinations are connected, and our on-time performance has been consistently normal as per IndiGo standards. Yesterday (Thursday), we operated over 1,950 flights with just four cancellations, due to unfavourable weather, with all affected customers promptly informed to avoid inconvenience," the airline statement said.

It has also informed all airport partners to publish the new flight schedules of the adjusted network on terminal screens to avoid any confusion.

Meanwhile, the airline cancelled 160 flights at Delhi and Bengaluru together on Friday.

100% FDI in insurance to attract capital flow, innovative products

MAHESH KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved a landmark decision to permit 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance sector. This pivotal reform is set to attract substantial global capital, enhance market competitiveness, and significantly deepen insurance penetration across the country.

This reform brings clarity, confidence and long-term capital into a growing sector that plays a central role in strengthening financial security. "Global expertise and sustained investment can help accelerate innovation, improve consumer experience and expand access across the country. The move is well-positioned to raise the overall quality of service, unlock significant new capital and support India's long-term vision for broader insurance coverage," said Sarbvir Singh, Joint Group CEO, PB Fintech.

The move underscores the government's commitment to economic liberalisation and creating a robust, investor-friendly ecosystem.

Narendra Ganpule, Partner and insurance industry leader, Grant Thornton Bharat said the transition to 100% foreign ownership will eliminate previous complexities associated with finding domestic partners and is expected to attract new global players, while allowing existing foreign participants to increase their stakes and autonomy.

Key benefits

Increased capital inflows: The reform is projected to bring in significant foreign capital, providing the necessary solvency and long-term investment for the growth of life, health, and general insurance segments.

Enhanced competition and innovation: A more open market is expected to foster greater competition, leading to innovative product development, superior customer service standards, and the adoption of global best practices and technology.

Deepened insurance penetration: Greater investment and competition will accelerate efforts to make insurance products accessible to a wider segment of the Indian population, contributing to financial security and national economic resilience.

Job creation: The expansion of the sector will lead to significant job creation in underwriting, sales, claims management, and associated services.

"Allowing 100% FDI is a strong signal of confidence in the sector's potential and commitment to economic reforms. The move will not only boost foreign investments, but also fundamentally improve the quality and reach of insurance services for every Indian citizen," he said.

Anubhav Srivastava, Managing Partner, Aryzen Capital Advisors, said the move will lead to competition in the insurance sector which will only benefit the customer. "The 100% foreign ownership will result in better technology, and innovative products for the common man. We can also expect lesser premiums for policyholders in some cases and better risk management."

Ganpule further added that the new move could result in foreign partners in the existing insurance JVs to raise their stakes or even buy out Indian partners.

Silver hits new peak of Rs 2 lakh/kg

NEW DELHI, PTI: Silver prices strengthened for the third straight day and jumped Rs 5,100 to hit a new peak of Rs 1,99,500 per kg in the national capital on Friday, amid sustained global demand for the safe-haven asset, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The white metal closed Rs 2,400 up at Rs 1,94,400 per kg on Thursday, a day after surging Rs 11,500 on Wednesday.

"In the domestic market, spot silver prices once again recorded a new high, while gold prices also appreciated significantly, trading near the record level," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, said.

In the local bullion market, gold of 99.9% purity increased by Rs 1,110 to Rs 1,33,600 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), compared to the previous close of Rs 1,32,490 per 10 grams, as per the association.

"Gold prices commenced an upward trajectory following a period of consolidation over the past few days. This surge in the precious metal was primarily supported by a weakening rupee and sustained investment demand," he added.

In the international markets, spot gold appreciated by $58.61, or 1.37%, to $4,338.40 per ounce.

Rising for the fourth consecutive day, spot silver rose more than 1% to scale a fresh peak of $64.57 per ounce in the overseas trade.

Sensex jumps 450 pts on global cues

MUMBAI, PTI: Benchmark stock index Sensex rallied nearly 450 points, while broader Nifty closed above the 26,000 level on Friday, following buying in metal shares and positive global trends.

Rising for the second day, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 449.53 points or 0.53% to settle at 85,267.66.

During the day, it jumped 502.69 points or 0.59% to 85,320.82.

Rebounding from the month's low level, the 50-share NSE Nifty surged 148.40 points or 0.57% to settle at 26,046.95.

The BSE mid-cap gauge jumped 1.14% and small-cap index climbed 0.65%.

Rupee slumps 17 paise against US dollar

MUMBAI, PTI: The rupee depreciated by 17 paise to close at an all-time low of 90.49 against the US dollar on Friday, as uncertainty over the India-US trade deal and persistent foreign fund outflows dented investor sentiment.

Forex traders said the rupee is under pressure, largely due to aggressive dollar purchases by importers amid surging global precious metal prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 90.43 against the US dollar, then fell further to a record intraday low of 90.56 against the greenback, registering a fall of 24 paise from its previous close.

The unit settled the day at 90.49 against the US dollar, down 17 paise over its last close.

GREEN OPPORTUNITY

EV sector funding spikes 27% in 2025 at $1.4 bn

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE
BENGALURU, DHNS

India's electric mobility sector raised $1.4 billion in 2025 YTD, marking a 27% rise over the $1.1 billion raised in 2024, an industry report said.

According to the EV in India Annual Funding Report — 2025, released by private market intelligence platform Tracxn on Friday, this capital was concentrated in just 65 funding rounds, down from 135 the previous year, signalling greater investor discipline.

"Overall funding was dominated by EV manufacturers, which raised $1.2 billion, with Delhi leading the city rankings with $1.1 billion in total funding," it said.

Pune saw $120 million in funding during the period, followed by Bengaluru's $105 million.

"Late-stage funding surged 105% year-on-year — from $536 million in 2024, to $1.1 billion in 2025 YTD — reflecting renewed confidence in scale-ready, selective and mature startups," the report noted, highlighting a shift towards performance-led capital deployment. Early-stage funding contracted 49.3% year-on-year, from $446 million in 2024 to $226 million in 2025 YTD. Seed-stage funding also

fell sharply to $61.2 million over 32 rounds in 2025 YTD, from $129 million over 77 rounds in 2024.

"The strong surge in late-stage capital, driven by a billion-dollar round supporting manufacturing and charging infrastructure, signifies India's EV ecosystem has moved beyond early experimentation to embrace a phase of measurable, scaled maturity," Tracxn Co-Founder Neha Singh said.

Investors declined from 150 in 2024 to 70 in 2025 YTD. First-time investors dropped from 63 in 2024 to 32 as of November 2025 YTD, reflecting growing reliance on existing backers. "Acquisitions rose to three in 2025 YTD, from just one in 2024. Notable acquisitions included Astro Motors by Remsons and Grinntech Motors & Services by Yuma Energy," it said. The sector also logged four IPOs, with Ather Energy's $1.4-billion listing in May 2025 being the largest.

The Indian EV market, valued at $2.36 billion in 2024, would grow to $164.42 billion by 2033, at a CAGR of 57.23%. The EV battery market is expected to expand from $2.22 billion in 2024 to $13.89 billion by 2033, at 22.6% CAGR, according to the Indian Brand Equity Foundation. EV sales grew 16.9% in FY25 to 1.97 million units, while the charging network expanded to 29,277 public stations as of July 2025.

"It's a clear signal that global and domestic investors now see EVs not just as a climate bet, but as a commercially-viable, long-horizon opportunity," Neha added.

The secret life of OBJECTS

Uncover a hidden world where toys, books, and even furniture come to life — a magical story by Rachna Chhabria

Despite having had a long and tiring day — after her physical training instructor made her practise all day for the inter-school sports championship — Mini was still unable to sleep. She was worried about her school's annual short story competition. Not a single idea had come to her. The deadline was on Monday, and she had just one day left to think of and write her story.

Suddenly, goosebumps dotted her body as strange voices penetrated her eardrums.

"Who is this disturbing me?" Mini sat up in bed and rubbed her eyes, trying to see in the darkness. She frowned as she saw some shapes moving. Was she dreaming? She pinched herself.

"Ouch," she said. She had pinched herself hard. The shapes paused. The conversation stopped. Mini held her breath. The shapes began moving again, and the conversation restarted, as though a midnight secret party was going on. Would this noise wake her family up and get her into trouble, since it was coming from her room? Fear gripped Mini at the thought of ghosts in her room.

She pretended to go back to sleep to hoodwink the shapes. The noise turned frantic. Sitting up in bed, Mini switched on the light. Her eyes widened in shock.

All the objects in her room — the beanbag, the chair, her teddy bear, her dressing table, her study table, her pencil box, her books and textbooks — were huddled together in a deep discussion. They were unaware of the light in the room or Mini's presence at their meeting.

A high-pitched voice, like a mouse learning to speak like a human, was reading her book loudly. It was the toy mouse, her second-birthday present, which she had chucked into a corner of her room along with the storybook. The rest of the objects were listening intently.

After the story ended, the objects from Mini's pencil box, which had fallen on the floor and which she had not bothered to pick up, started a mad dance. The two erasers bounced like crazy balls, then rubbed their backs against each other. The six pencils slithered across the ground like happy snakes, curling around one another, and making funny sounds. The red sharpener whistled shrilly, the compass drew figure eight patterns in the air, and the ruler tap-danced to the sharpener's tune. A few minutes later, the mad dance stopped. Mini was surprised to see this side of the objects in her room.

"Oh no," the grey beanbag groaned. "Mini sat on me today with her sports shoes, dropping bits of mud and dog poop on me. I'm feeling yucky. Can one of you please wipe the stains?"

Taking a tissue paper, the teddy bear wiped the brown stains off the grey beanbag.

"Can you please squirt a few drops of perfume so that the smell is camouflaged?" the beanbag requested.

The teddy bear sprayed a few drops of perfume.

"I feel so much better," the beanbag sighed, as the teddy sat on it holding the bottle of perfume.

Mini's stuffed dog, which she had thrown under the bed, was now barking excitedly and chasing the mouse all over the room. The mouse crawled across the bed, and the dog jumped onto the bed after it.

Seeing Mini, the brown dog jumped into her lap and started licking her face. Its warm tongue dribbled saliva all over Mini's chin. When she tickled its stomach, the dog rolled on the pillow, yelping playfully.

"Wish I had taken better care of him," Mini said ruefully, scratching the dog behind his ear. The dog licked her hands. Wiping the drool from her hands with a tissue, she crushed the tissue into a ball and chucked it into the green dustbin in her room. She missed, and the tissue landed several inches away from the bin. The dustbin extended its arms, picked up the crushed tissue paper, and dropped it into its stomach.

The two wooden crows, a gift from her aunt Maya, started cawing loudly.

"Shh, stop cawing, you will wake up the entire household," Mini said. She felt bad for dumping them on the window sill.

The crows instantly fell silent.

Her comb and hairbrush started dancing on the dressing table. Mini laughed as the hairbrush constantly missed its steps and bumped into the comb, making the comb fall several times. Her doll started dancing, and her study table and chair also did their crazy dance.

Mini's eyes began drooping. Switching off the light, she went to sleep.

The next morning, when she woke up, her first thought was about what she had seen during the night. As her eyes moved around her room, she saw that all the objects were where she had always thrown them. Shaking her head, she dismissed the night's events as a figment of her imagination.

Then her gaze fell on her beanbag. Her teddy bear was sleeping soundly on it, still holding the bottle of perfume. She hadn't imagined it. The objects in her room had a secret life. Picking up everything, she put them in their places. She decided to take better care of her things. Mini smiled as she realised she finally had an idea for her short story.

2 easy-to-make SNACKS

They don't require cooking or baking. Adult supervision is recommended

Santa hats

Ingredients (makes 10-12 Santa hats)

- Bananas: 2-3
- Medium strawberries: 10-12
- Mini marshmallows: 10-12
- Toothpicks

Method

- To make the base, peel the bananas and cut them into thick, even slices (about 1.5-2 cm). Arrange the slices flat on a plate.
- Wash the strawberries and remove the green leafy tops. The pointed end will form the tip of Santa's hat.
- Place a strawberry on top of each banana slice, flat side down.
- Push a toothpick through the banana and the strawberry. After this, push a mini marshmallow on top to complete the Santa-hat shape.
- These snacks could be enjoyed immediately. Or, refrigerate them for up to 1 hour before serving.

Christmas trees

Ingredients (makes 6 trees)

- Salted crackers: 6
- Large cucumber: 1
- Cream cheese (softened): 2-3 tbsp
- Carrot: 1
- Small star-shaped cookie cutter
- Vegetable peeler
- Toothpicks or decorative skewers

Method

- Slice the carrot into discs about ½ cm thick. Use a small star cutter to press out 'carrot stars'. Set them aside.
- Use a vegetable peeler to shave long, thin cucumber ribbons. Pat them dry lightly with a tissue so they're not watery.
- Take one cucumber ribbon and fold it back and forth, making smaller "layers" as you go, forming a conical shape.
- Put a small dollop of cream cheese onto each cracker. Place the cucumber tree on the cream cheese so it sticks firmly.
- Slide a carrot star on the toothpick or mini skewer.
- Slide the toothpick down from the top of the tree to the cracker, to hold the tree shape.
- Arrange the trees on a platter. Enjoy the crunchy holiday snack.

If I were an animal...

Open Sesame readers share verses about the creatures they would like to be

Spirit creatures

If I were an animal,
I would be a honey badger.
Brave, intelligent and
thick-skinned.
If I were an animal
I would be a tiger,
Powerful hunters, strong swimmers
and largest of the wild cats
If I were an animal
I would be a panda
Cute, white, little, symbol of peace.
If I were an animal
I would be an elephant
Big, strong and protective.

RIYA WALIKAR, 10, Dharwad, Karnataka

Wild bliss

If I were an animal,
I'd live a life with no care,
running through meadows
on the ground
or soaring through the air.
If I were an animal,
I'd be the happiest.
With freedom that has no bounds,
exploring the world around.
If I were an animal,
I'd have a pure heart.
With no greed,
surviving only with the things I need.

BHUMI RATHOD, 15
Bengaluru, Karnataka

Fearless wings

If I were an animal, strong and tall,
I'd never crawl or creep at all.
I'd spread my wings, to the skies
explore,
A fearless bird forevermore.
Why perch on branches, tied to
trees,
When I could glide on an endless
breeze?
I'd be an eagle, proud and high,
A ruler of the boundless sky.
Not munching fish from rivers near,
But chasing dreams both bright and
clear.
With piercing eyes
and spirit free,
The soaring eagle's meant to be.

MOHAMMED AFRAAZ, 13
Mysuru, Karnataka

Gentle giant

If I were an animal, I would like to
be a giraffe.
Because of its thin and long neck
And also because of how it treks.
When I look down to the
ground,
Everything I see would be so
tiny,
And all the other animals would be just like
miniature models.
My head would touch
the sky, to a point
where kites fly
And the cloudy spots all over my
body,
Would each tell a different story.
Being as tall as a tree makes me
feel like I can lead,
I, would thank God for giving
me this life,
And also for giving me such a
good height.

SHRIYA SACHIN, 10
Bengaluru, Karnataka

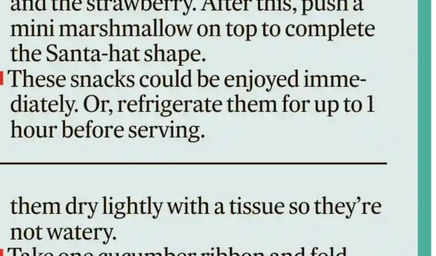
Grateful cat

If I were a cat,
I will cry meow meow,
I dream to be a pet,
To the owner of a bungalow.
My master will provide milk,
And fish and meat for me,
Care for me when I am sick,
Keep me healthy and safe.
I will be grateful to him,
By keeping his residence,
Free from rats and rodents,
Making his living peaceful.

AADVIK K, 5
Hubballi, Karnataka

ART CORNER

Love painting?



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Word of the Week

garbled

(adjective)
— a message or a story said in a way that confuses the listener

Usage:
— The students left the class with a garbled understanding of algebra.
— Shanu's brief phone call left me with a garbled message.

This Week:

Manama and more

Open Sesame Quiz

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Q1 December 16, the National Day of Bahrain, commemorates the ascension to the throne of Emir Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, in 1961. Which country continued to rule Bahrain until August 1971?

Q2 A light-coloured, long-horned antelope, which lives in the desert, is the national animal of Bahrain, as it is of Oman, Qatar and the UAE. What is it called?

Q3 Bahrain owns all but one of the Hawar Islands (an archipelago of sixteen islands and islets), in the Gulf of Bahrain. Which country administers the uninhabited Janan Island?

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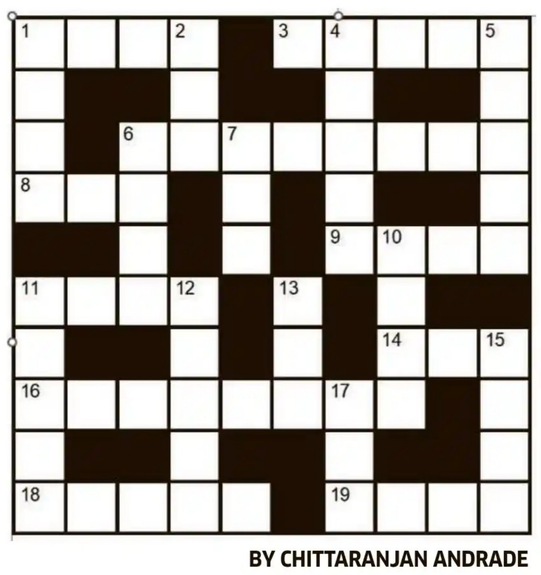
Q4 **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
Clue A: Near Manama, Bahrain's capital, is the 400-year-old Tree of __.
Clue B: Female partner in a marriage.

Q5 **Clue Cluster:** In the 4th-century BCE, Nearchus sailed to Bahrain (Greek name, Tylos). Which ruler did he serve?
Use these clues.
a) Macedonia
b) Porus
c) Bucephalus
d) Aristotle

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: Vinayak (14), Bengaluru; Ryanna P Viegas (12), Belagavi; Nyzil P (15), Hubballi.

CROSSWORD



BY CHITTARANJAN ANDRADE

Across
1 Aerated drink (4)
3 Liquid vital for life (5)
6 Changing (8)
8 Part of the circumference of a circle (3)
9 Bird's home (4)
11 Precious stone (4)
14 Liquid in a pen (3)
16 Living forever (8)
18 Two cubed (5)
19 To go out (4)

Down
1 Furniture piece (4)
2 To be unwell (3)
4 Kitchen garment (5)
5 Correct (5)
6 Corrosive liquid (4)
7 Stimulating beverage (3)
10 Wicked (4)
11 Fruit drink (5)
12 A period in time (5)
13 A flying mammal (3)
15 Retained in one's possession (4)
17 Chimpanzee (3)

ANSWERS
Across: 1 Soda, 3 Water, 6 Altering, 8 Arc, 9 Nest, 11 Jade, 14 Ink, 16 Immortal, 18 Eight, 19 Exit.
Down: 1 Sofa, 2 Ail, 4 Apron, 5 Right, 6 Acid, 7 Tea, 10 Evil, 11 Juice, 12 Epoch, 13 Bat, 15 Kept, 17 Ape.

Ashwin Karthik was born with 95% disability. Doctors told his parents to treat him like a 'doll in a showcase'. With help from a determined mother and a steadfast friend, he became an engineer. At age 29, he won a National Award. Here is his story

HOW I NAVIGATE LIFE WITH cerebral palsy

I was born in 1984 in Bangalore with quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy (CP), a condition that shaped every aspect of my childhood, education, and career. The lack of oxygen at birth affected all four limbs and my speech. However, I never allowed it to touch my curiosity, my hunger to learn, or my belief that life had something meaningful in store for me.

When I look back, what I see is not a dramatic story but a long chain: the right people, the right systems, the right interventions, and the right opportunities arriving at the right moments.

The first battle began when I was around nine months old. My mother was convinced my developmental milestones were delayed, despite denials by the numerous doctors and specialists she consulted. Finally, they referred her to a neuro-physician who, after pronouncing his diagnosis of CP with 95% disability, added: "He will be nothing but a vegetable. Anyway you have another child (my brother Naveen, five years older). You can keep this one like a doll in a showcase."

My parents were shattered. My mother locked herself in the bedroom for three months, crying, barely eating, harbouring suicidal thoughts. One day, when she hit rock bottom and considered doing away with herself and me, the lasting damage it would do to Naveen flashed in her mind. She snapped out of her depression and decided to do everything humanly possible to give me a dignified life.

Then she began avidly reading everything she could find about CP and took me to the country's top neurosurgeon of the time. He confirmed that I would be severely physically impaired — unable to walk, to open my fingers to hold an object, or to clearly enunciate speech. He then raised doubts about my mental capability and advised a cognitive test. So when I was not even 14 months old, I underwent an IQ test at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru. My mother breathed a sigh of relief when they told her I had the IQ of a four-year-old! Armed with this knowledge, she started looking for special schools.

Karthik met his idol Sachin Tendulkar in 2010.

School at 18 months

I started school at 18 months! At the Spastic Society of India (SSI) in Indiranagar, I was a fast learner. At home, my mother would shape each letter of the alphabet as a series of dots on a large sheet of paper. She would tie my right hand to a fat sketch pen with a strip of cloth and make me join the dots — by the time I turned two, I was able to write words.

My education was interrupted whenever my father, a bank official, was transferred. I had been at SSI for only six months when we moved to Delhi. After five years, he was posted back to Bengaluru, and two years later, to Chikkamagaluru. Each time, my mother, who observed that my potential had outgrown SSI, would renew her hunt for mainstream schools until one of them opened their doors to me — in Delhi, a government-supported school for the children of Afghan refugees; in Bengaluru, a school in Basaveshwara Nagar. But they wouldn't accommodate me unless she stayed by my side the whole day. When I was given a task, the writing took me at least five hours more than it did my classmates.

In Chikkamagaluru, for the first time, I found a supportive residential school — Mountain View High School — whose principal said, "We will make sure he feels at home here." My mother designed a diaper for me — her innovation, since there was no concept of an adult diaper back then. I finished high school there. During this time, friendships shaped my life more than anything else. Some friends helped me walk short distances, some carried my schoolbag, some wrote my classwork, and many simply included me as an equal.

Loss of a parent

When I was in the ninth standard, my father died, and since he died 'in harness', my mother got a clerical job in the bank 'on compassionate grounds'. Our savings were depleted and my mother started giving tuitions to make ends meet. The school-leaving exams added yet another battle to her tally. She ran from pillar to post and finally to the chief of the SSLC board to get extra time sanctioned for me — just 20 minutes, as it turned out! After numerous procedural confusions, a ninth standard student was assigned as a scribe at the last minute. I passed with 84%, the highest in my class, and, to date, the highest ever scored in SSLC by a person with CP.

After school, I moved on to pre-university. I had wanted to be a writer and would have chosen arts, but for a careless comment I overheard: "What will he do after an arts course? Open a grocery store or a paan shop?" My mulish nature kicked in. "I will do science and nothing else," I declared. I further stunned my family by announcing, "I want to be an engineer."

Friend's support

Naveen was in an engineering college in Chikkamagaluru, a 15-minute commute from my mother's bank. Once I qualified for the entrance test (which I did), joining college would be easy-peasy, I thought. My mother, however, was preparing to launch her next battle. The selection for disabled candidates in the engineering stream entailed approval from a medical panel. The panel members took one look at me and were about to sign 'rejected' when I protested loudly. One of them said, "I can guarantee you will not clear the first semester." I said, "Can you give that to me in writing?" My mother and I literally sat there in dharna all day until they gave in.

The next battle was to get into one of the only six colleges that had a 'disability' quota — the Chikkamagaluru college did not, but to cut a long story short, I managed to secure a payment seat there under the management quota. The turning point in my college life came through one friend in particular: Bharath. He was planning to re-appear for his 12th standard exam because he was unhappy with his rank. "I have six months free to prepare for my exams," he told my mother. "I'll take Ashwin to college, sit there with my books, and study while he attends class."

Those 'six months' miraculously extended to decades, for Bharath, who began as my scribe, assistant and mobility partner, became my friend and companion for life. If there is one fact about my journey that needs no embellishment, it is this: I did not do engineering alone. I remember how he climbed stairs with me (my very first class was on the third floor), copied notes borrowed from my classmates, helped me move across departments (each lab in each department was in a different room, often a different building), assisted me in my practical exams, and ensured I reached every single test on time.

I recall how I aced the most difficult subject, engineering drawing, which required me to draw 3D images on paper. I would visualise the image in my head — all the angles and perspectives from which the object could be viewed — and I would tell Bharath what to draw. We practised for hours. During the three-hour exam, many a curious head — professors, research students, you name it — popped into the room to watch me perform. Nobody expected me to pass that subject, let alone score 72%.

Cold corporate world

After completing my degree came the job hunt — the most brutal chapter of my professional life. I can never forget my first job interview where, after cracking the aptitude test (the HR person would not allow Bharath to be my scribe) and the technical interview, it came to discussing my salary with the HR person. She started firing questions: How will you come to work? How will you sit for eight hours? How will you manage your loo breaks? Finally, she pointed to a piece of paper on the table at which she sat, a few feet away, and said, "Here is your appointment letter. I have signed it. You have to walk up and take it from me." Barely containing my fury, I called out to Bharath who was waiting outside, and left the room.

My breakthrough came through two channels. First, a software testing institute called QSpiders accepted me without hesitation and gave me an environment to learn. Their chief trainer not only taught me testing, but also allowed me to teach junior batches — an experience that strengthened my communication, logic, and confidence. Second, a chance encounter at a public grievance programme connected my family to Enable India, an organisation working exclusively on disability employment.

Enable India changed everything. With their support, I appeared for an interview at the IT company, Mphasis. This time, the system saw my ability, not my disability. I got the job. I had to undergo three months of training in Mangaluru, during which my family took turns to support me. I made new friends, studied hard, learned how corporate systems worked, and began testing software professionally. My first salary was not just money; it was proof that a person like me could be included meaningfully in the workforce if the right accommodations were in place.

How tech helped

Here I would like to highlight how technology became a game changer. I operate the computer almost entirely with a single finger, navigating systems smoothly and independently.

Over the years the evolution of new technologies changed the lives of the disabled. For many quadriplegic users, the computer became an equaliser as they relied on speech-to-text software, on-screen keyboards, head-tracking or eye-gaze systems for cursor control, switch-based clickers, large-key input devices, and accessibility settings such as sticky keys, predictive typing, and high-contrast displays. These adaptations turn complex digital tasks into achievable ones, allowing us to write, code, analyse, create, and participate fully in the digital world.

As my career progressed, technology expanded my independence. I began using a motorised wheelchair, which gave me mobility at work for the first time. Later, an assistive medical device allowed me to manage long office hours without worrying about restroom access.

Alongside work grew my voice. I began sharing my story to motivate students, employees, NGOs and organisations. Recognition followed — first the Rotary youth award, then other honours, and eventually the National Award from the Government of India. Speaking of the last-mentioned, I was waiting to receive my award along with others who had won in various categories when I saw a familiar face. It was the HR person from my first job interview, set to receive an award for her company. She said, "Have we met before?" I replied, "We had a bittersweet meeting six years ago."

One of the most memorable personal moments of my life came when I met Sachin Tendulkar — someone I had admired since childhood. When someone you admire calls you a champion, you remember it on the days your body feels heavy or the world feels inaccessible.

Story of disabled Indians

As I reflect on my journey in this first-person account, I am aware that my story is not just mine. It is intertwined with the story of the larger disability community of India — a community that is talented, ambitious, resourceful, and determined, but still largely under-recognised in mainstream spaces.

The data reflects this gap clearly. India has more than 2.68 crore persons with disabilities, yet workforce participation among us remains around 36%, compared with nearly 60% for non-disabled citizens. In some surveys, employment for persons with disabilities drops to as low as 22-23%, showing how steep the exclusion can be. An estimated 1.3 crore people with disabilities in India are employable — but barely 34 lakh hold formal jobs.

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The truth is simple: we don't have a shortage of talent. We have a shortage of accessible infrastructure, inclusive systems, and equitable opportunities.

Inclusion is not charity. It is intelligent nation-building.

In our lives, disability is not the problem; exclusion is. And until that truth becomes universally understood, people like me will continue pushing doors that should already be open.

(The writer is an engineer, national awardee, author and disability activist.)

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Ashwin Karthik has worked as a software engineer for 18 years.

The author was conferred a National Award for his contribution to the disabled community by former president Pranab Mukherjee in 2013.

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DATA SAYS

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MUSICANA

A decade of bridging Karnatik with global influences

Seven-member band Project Mishram tells Shraddha A K how they went from the college festival circuit to the international stage

For nearly 10 years, Project Mishram has pushed the boundaries of fusion music with a sound that blends Karnatik traditions with global influences like progressive metal and jazz. Though they describe their music as 'Indian math metal' on Instagram, their sonic identity remains firmly rooted in Karnatik music.

Many members have a solid classical background. Violinist and vocalist Pranav Swaroop, for example, is a disciple of leading Karnatik violinist Lalgudi Krishnan. Their covers of 'Kanakana ruchira', 'Nagumomu', and 'Vatapi Ganapatim' went viral for preserving raga integrity while pairing kritis with heavy riffs and complex rhythmic cycles.

Vocalist Shivaraj Natraj acknowledges the ongoing debate about "how much you can bend a traditional form". "For us, the Karnatik essence — its raga, taala, and lyrical placement — must remain intact. We just get creative within those boundaries," he says.

The band was formed in 2016 by a group of seven students at an engineering college in Bengaluru. They built an early reputation by winning more than 35 contests across India, including at IIT Madras, MICA Ahmedabad, and IISc Bengaluru (where they opened for Thaikkudam Bridge). A recording deal with Resonance Studios earned them a five-day camp at the Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music, Tamil Nadu, where they began work on their first original, 'Spoonshiftl' (2018).

Although the members are now spread across the world, they say distance has only enhanced their creativity. "We made it work even in college despite our hectic schedules. The spirit remains the same," says Natraj. Today, only flautist Anirudh Koushik remains in Bengaluru. Natraj, Swaroop, Sanath Shanbhogue (drums), and Sumant Nemmani (guitar) are based in the US, while guitarist Srishankar Sundar and bassist Ram Srinivas are based in the Netherlands and the UK respectively.

Living abroad has broadened their musical palate. Natraj, who partly grew up in Muscat, absorbed Arabic microtones early on. Other members contribute influences drawn from European jazz and fusion, and Latin American styles such as samba and merengue.

In 2024, Project Mishram played at a festival where the lineup also featured metal giants like Slayer and Korn.

Performing at Louder Than Life festival in Kentucky in 2024 is among the band's biggest milestones. The lineup also included metal giants like Slayer, Korn, Anthrax, and Judas Priest, and they experienced for the first time a fully professional festival setup complete with rehearsal studios, travel co-ordination, and backline support. Their other notable gigs include UK Tech Fest and the ArcTangent Festival.

Most recently, they released their single 'LIBERATE', which features konnokol with heavy guitars and drums. As they prepare to re-enter the live circuit, the band continues to work on new material. Their recording process is hybrid: guitars, bass, and drum parts are recorded at home, while vocals, flute, and acoustic violins are recorded in studios in Boston or Bengaluru. "It really is a mishram (Sanskrit for 'mix') of technology and organic recording," Natraj says.

Breaking free, breaking stereotypes: Rise of Farhana Bhatt

The Kashmiri actor, who was the first runner-up in a reality show, is a symbol of a quiet revolution in the Valley, writes Zulfikar Majid

When Farhana Bhatt walked out of the Bigg Boss 19 house this year as the first runner-up, it wasn't just a personal victory. For countless young women in Kashmir, her journey symbolised something bigger: a quiet revolution unfolding in the Valley, one where ambition and visibility are no longer at odds with tradition.

At 27, Farhana belongs to a generation of Kashmiri women who are rewriting the rules. She grew up in Srinagar in a conservative Muslim household where acting was rarely considered a serious path. Her ambitions, though quietly nurtured, might have been stifled if not for her steadfast supporters: her mother, her grandfather, and her sisters, Soliha and Fiza, who encouraged her to dream boldly.

That support mattered. In Kashmir, cultural resistance often quietly redirects young women from public-facing careers. Many shelve their dreams before they even take shape. Farhana did the opposite.

After completing a degree in mass communication and journalism at the Government College for Women, Srinagar, she chose the screen over the pen. She moved to Mumbai and joined Actor Prepares, the acting school run by Anupam Kher. Here, she immersed herself in theatre, camera acting, and the Navarasa techniques that refine emotional expression. Every lesson, every role she played in class, was a rehearsal for a career that demanded resilience as much as talent.

Her cinematic debut came with 'Sunshine Music Tours & Travels' (2016), followed by a notable role as Jasmeet in Imtiaz Ali's 'Laila Majnu' (2018). She went on to appear in 'Notebook' (2019), and expanded her presence across streaming platforms with projects like 'The Freelancer' on JioHotstar, and indie films such as 'Country of Blind' and 'Heaven of Hindustan'. Each role was a step forward, a subtle defiance of the constraints she might have faced back home.

Yet, it was Bigg Boss 19 that transformed her from a rising actor to a national conversation. An early eviction might have ended her journey abruptly, but a secret-room twist brought her back. She fought her way to the finale, displaying composure, restraint, and an uncanny ability to navigate the chaos of reality TV. Audiences connected with her authenticity, making her one of the season's most recognised faces.

Farhana's story is emblematic of a broader shift in Kashmir. Over the past decade, young women from the Valley have begun to carve spaces in acting, sports, entrepreneurship, content creation, and other public arenas. They come from families that once might have questioned a daughter's choice to pursue a visible career, yet today, more than ever, support and encouragement are paving the way.

Media outlets estimate Farhana's net worth in the Rs 1.5 to Rs 3 crore range — a sign of how swiftly opportunities are opening up for Kashmiri women willing to challenge norms. But the numbers only tell part of the story. More importantly, her journey inspires an entire generation to reconsider what is possible.

For Farhana, the path from Srinagar's old city lanes to India's most-watched reality TV finale isn't just personal; it's emblematic. It's a narrative of Kashmiri women claiming space, visibility, and careers on their own terms — redefining what the Valley once told them they could not.

And like many of her peers, Farhana is only getting started. Each appearance, each role, each decision to stand firm in the spotlight adds to a new chapter of possibility — not just for her, but for the countless young women who see themselves in her journey. In a place where the world often seems distant, Farhana Bhatt's story says something profound: visibility is not the enemy of tradition; it is a declaration of choice, courage, and change.

Farhana Bhatt

THE BATTLE FOR Warner Bros Discovery

With Netflix and Paramount vying to buy WBD, conventional cinema finds itself at a huge crossroads. Will future productions be driven by algorithms? What are the implications for India? Sunil Doshi takes a close look

Two big Hollywood companies — Netflix and Paramount — are competing to acquire Warner Bros Discovery (WBD), which owns the intellectual property (IP) rights to a rich and diverse catalogue of films. Some of the biggest hits under Warner Bros Discovery include the 'Harry Potter' franchise, DC Comics, 'Game of Thrones' and classics like 'Casablanca.'

Paramount and Warner Bros are both legacy companies with formidable catalogues. And because Paramount is a theatre-first company, it is likely to receive more support. But whether it is Paramount or Netflix, the concerns remain the same.

Reduced competition

Netflix is more of a technology company than a storytelling company, and it now seeks to merge Hollywood's traditional narratives with advanced tech. There is significant fear around Netflix becoming a behemoth controlling 40 to 50% of the world's subscription base. Such dominance could lead to market monopolisation and limit creativity by relying heavily on algorithm-driven content — a stark contrast to the way traditional studios like Warner Bros nurtured stories.

Another concern is that the deal includes HBO Max and WBD's gaming divisions. Netflix already dominates global streaming hours. With gaming being one of its biggest competitors, acquiring major gaming IPs — such as 'Hogwarts Legacy' — would make Netflix the most powerful "super streamer" in the world.

Hollywood once prioritised long-lasting stories. Now, the emphasis will shift toward AI-optimised streaming technology, reduced workforce and marketing costs, and the creation of global hybrid IPs.

Entertainment is rapidly moving towards an AI-layered, highly interactive ecosystem. There will be more immersive and gamified storytelling. Although Netflix insists it will maintain theatrical releases, trust questions remain. Even if it does release films at the cinemas, the theatrical-to-streaming window could shrink to just one or two weeks — far from the ideal three-month window that preserves the community experience of cinema.

Netflix, in a way, is also dividing the family. Each member watches content separately on individual devices, leaving little time to reconnect after long workdays. While cinema brings communities together, Netflix divides.

Another issue is identity. Warner Bros and Paramount have decades-old identities — DC Comics, iconic films, and franchises like 'Game of Thrones'. Netflix, despite its resources, has few titles that evoke a universal "wow, what a show". They have enough money and technology support but what they don't have is an identity as a production house that produces great shows.

Creators in crisis

With fewer major platforms to pitch to, creators will face a much more challenging landscape. The reduction in options will bring down plurality, leaving writers and producers with only one or two viable outlets as opposed to the wider range they once had. For example, in India, when Colors, Star, Disney, and Jio merged in 2024, creators were left with only one major platform instead of four.

Creators will also lose independence and the freedom to follow their intuition. If a 'Squid Game' or a 'Stranger Things' succeeds, creators may be pressured to replicate them as formulas. Algorithms, increasingly powered by AI, will dictate what kinds of stories get greenlit.

We are living through uncertain times. Many are still processing the Disney-Star merger from two years ago. Large corporations aspire to become stronger and more dominant, much like the superheroes they created — invincible.

Indian market

However, as the number of players shrinks in Hollywood, it will open up newer opportunities in India because of the diverse nature of Indian cinema. We can expect more content set in India, more Indian cast and crew, and more projects built on or adjacent to the Warner Bros IP — particularly in horror, young adult, and animation. There will be bigger bets on Hindi and regional originals that justify global distribution.

Mid-budget cinema may get squeezed as merged entities experiment with shorter theatrical windows or OTT-first releases. Writers may be pushed towards high-concept, franchise-ready narratives over standalone films. Unscripted and docu-series content could also grow to create global-local hybrids, especially around Indian crime and pop culture, with characters recognised by non-Indian audiences.

This shift may also encourage more independent platforms to build strong identities. Contract negotiations with large corporations will increasingly focus on retaining IP. Indian creators will need to think beyond convention — building diverse, multilingual transmedia properties and robust IPs that can travel globally. This Indian creation will be at the intersection of society, science, culture and technology.

From a perception standpoint, Paramount will enjoy support from those who still value the theatre-first model and the community experience of cinema. Paramount also has great experience in the monetisation value chain of IPs. While Paramount may score some extra points in perception, Netflix remains a powerful contender. Ultimately, it is a choice between the devil and the deep sea.

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(As told to Pranati A S)

A story of two bids

On December 5, Netflix announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with WBD to acquire Warner Bros Discovery, including its film and television studios, HBO Max, and HBO.

The deal was pitched at about 82.7 billion dollars. Two days later, Paramount, a major media and entertainment company, launched a 108 billion dollar bid, aiming to surpass Netflix.

With Paramount's interest, the situation has taken a political and geopolitical turn. Its bid is backed by wealthy oil rich partners — Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Abu Dhabi. And now that US President Donald Trump has become involved in the decision-making, the outcome is even more uncertain. A third bidder could also emerge.

This entire process may stretch into 2027-28, coinciding with the next presidential election. The companies may even postpone a final decision until after a new president is elected.

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Harry Potter is one of Warner Bros's biggest franchises. The company merged with Discovery in 2022.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Reflective, gentle anime on kindness

SHRADDHA A K

'Your Letter' is about a girl who receives mysterious letters.

★★★½☆

Your Letter

Korean (Theatres)

Director: Kim Yong-hwan

Cast: Lee Soo-hyun, Kim Min-ju, Min Seung-woo, Nam Doh-hyeong

The 96-minute film follows Lee So-ri (Lee Soo-hyun), a bullied girl who moves from Seoul to a rural school where she once lived, hoping to find peace. Her past trauma makes it difficult for her to connect — until she finds a letter hidden in her desk. This discovery sets her on a gentle scavenger hunt around the school, introducing her to forgotten corners and new people.

Through these letters, So-ri is slowly guided by their unseen author, often linked to Jung Ho-yeon (Min Seung-woo). She also forms a quiet but warm friendship with classmate Nam Doh-hyeong (Kim Min-ju), adding to the film's tender exploration of kindness and connection.

What begins as a simple treasure hunt deepens into an emotional journey as So-ri and her friend try to understand the mystery behind the letters — and why Jung Ho-yeon left school.

The animation is soft, calming, and expressive, closely mirroring the manhwa's original artwork. It may remind viewers of styles seen in MAPPA or Studio Ghibli productions.

While the themes echo the emotional tone and flow of 'Your Name' (2016), the plot differs: So-ri knows who is writing the letters but chooses not to seek him out beyond their written exchanges, letting the clues slowly reveal Jung Ho-yeon's story.

Overall, 'Your Letter' is a reflective, gentle animated drama that resonates with anyone who has felt unseen or misunderstood, showing how small acts of compassion can deeply change a life.

A small-town crime saga

ANGEL RANI

Radhika Apte in 'Saali Mohabbat'.

★★★☆☆

Saali Mohabbat

Hindi (Zee5)

Cast: Radhika Apte, Divyenndu, Anshumaan Pushkar, Sauraseni Maitra

Director: Tisca Chopra

Plants become her therapy. Each time her husband strays, she retreats into the garden. When he lusts after women she thinks are more beautiful than her, she seeks solace in the backyard, hugging a tree or two.

Radhika Apte embodies the meek, subservient Smita in this story-within-a-story, where characters are neither shackled by morality nor judged for their choices. Told through a distinctly female gaze, it frames Radhika as the wronged woman in parallel tales of infidelity.

Smita is a gold medallist in botany, but her certificates gather dust in the attic while her days dissolve into the kitchen, catering to her husband's (Anshumaan Pushkar) every trivial taste. A regular at casinos and drowning in debt, he wants her to sell her ancestral property to bail him out.

Already fragile in confidence, Smita spirals further into self-doubt when her cousin (Sauraseni Maitra) moves in after landing a job in their village. The husband soon tumbles into bed with the younger "other woman", who, in turn, has the hots for the local cop (Divyenndu).

Radhika now spends more time with her plants. And her gardener-cum-guardian (Sharat Saxena) dispenses pep flora talks on how resilience can be learned from roots and shoots.

Anurag Kashyap makes an early appearance as an unconventional casino owner, adding another layer of intrigue.

A sudden double murder jolts the pace of this slow burner, which marks the directorial debut of actor Tisa Chopra.

It's not a whodunnit, but a study in emotional erosion and survival instincts. And Radhika Apte glows with quiet intensity in this small-town tale of love and betrayal.

This Balayya's sequel is loud and shallow

JAGADISH ANGADI

Nandamuri Balakrishna

★★☆☆☆

Akhanda 2

Telugu (Theatres)

Director: Boyapati Sreenu

Cast: Balakrishna Nandamuri, Samyukta Menon, Kabir Duhan Singh, Aadhi Pinisetty

Nandamuri Balakrishna and director Boyapati Sreenu's formula is predictable: a ruthless villain, Balakrishna in dual roles, some romance in the first half that gets disrupted by a massive crisis, and then Balakrishna unleashing his fury in the second half to take down the bad elements and restore justice. 'Akhanda 2', the sequel to 'Akhanda' (2021), mostly follows the same playbook.

The sequel opens in the shadow of the Galwan conflict, where a vengeful Chinese general, still seething over his son's death, joins forces with a cunning strategist. Together, they conspire with a corrupt Indian politician to unleash a deadly bio-virus into the Ganges during the Maha Kumbha Mela. The Prime Minister turns to scientist Janani to develop a vaccine in Ladakh but the Chinese general's team launches a brutal attack on her. The rest of the story deals with Akhanda's efforts to save India.

Akhanda's adventures unfold from Tibet to New Delhi, and rural Andhra Pradesh to the snow-clad Himalayas. It juggles multiple plot threads — from India's spiritual fabric to ruthless drug cartels in Andhra Pradesh, the turmoil in Manipur, the Indian Army's struggles, surgical strikes, a mother's strained bond with her son, an Aghori's mysterious world, and a high-stakes DRDO facility.

The film refers to the 'Ramayana' and the Vedas, detracting from the cinematic experience. In most scenes, the director prioritises entertainment over logic. Everything appears deliberately loud and shallow. The weak narration further derails the sequel.

The director borrows heavily from films like 'Mahavatar Narasimha' and 'HanuMan'.

Action sequences are well-choreographed. The VFX and production design stand out. Cinematography by C Ramprasad and Santosh Detake needs a mention. While Balakrishna commands good screen presence, the rest of the cast is wasted.

The talk-heavy film with an incoherent screenplay is a test of patience.

A plain chronicle of 100 years of RSS

S VISWANATH

Nitish Bharadwaj

★★★☆☆

Kesariya@100

Hindi (Zee5)

Director: Nitish Bharadwaj

Anchored by Nitish Bharadwaj, who played Krishna in B R Chopra's epic teleseries 'Mahabharat' and later served as a BJP MP, 'Kesariya@100' is a docudrama to mark 100 years of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The nine-episode series gives a perspective on the history of the organisation, whose legacy continues to be contentious. It takes viewers through the principal personalities and ideologues who steered it through its 100-year history.

The episodes are presented in a matter-of-fact manner with a short introduction to the events that follow. The series kicks off by showing how the RSS was founded by Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, described by the narrator as India's Nostradamus, to champion the cause of Hindutva to counter what it saw as the 'Muslim appeasement' politics of the Congress.

Comparing the recent Pahalgam attack in Kashmir to an incident during the freedom movement, the docudrama shows a man arriving at Hegdewar's doorstep with a plaintive cry, "I felt all alone". That meeting leads to the formation of the RSS in Nagpur, also the birthplace of its founder.

The series criticises Pakistan, using clips of speeches by its Chief of Army Staff Syed Asim Munir Ahmed Shah. It argues that India today is stable and strong as a democracy that assimilates people of all religions, while denouncing Pakistan as a 'safe haven for terrorists'.

The show throws the spotlight on RSS leaders — from Madhav Sadashivrao Golwalkar and Madhukar Dattatraya Deoras to its current chiefs. It also touches on the Emergency, the demolition of the Babri Masjid, and presents the RSS as a 'pivot in nation building' through social and welfare activities.

Over the past century, the RSS has faced criticism on several counts—its positions on the 'varna' system, for instance—and is often accused of fanning communal strife. This series, drawing its material from archives and historical sources, does not intend to provoke, or ruffle any feathers.

Lone warrior Arush battles on with ton

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka skipper Arush Jain led from the front with a fighting unbeaten century to charge his side towards 300 with just a wicket left against Uttarakhand on the opening day of their elite group match of the Vijay Merchant Trophy in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh on Friday.

Arush (124 n.o.) forged an unbeaten 67-run partnership for the last wicket with Samarth Kulkarni (13 n.o.) to take Karnataka to 275/9 in 91 overs by the stumps.

Brief scores: Karnataka: 275/9 in 91 overs (Arush Jain 124 n.o., Sukurth J 39; Abhimanyu 5-91, Aarav Gupta 2-60, Shaurya Malyal 2-32) vs Uttarakhand.

All-round Karnataka thrash Odisha

BENGALURU, DHNS: Odisha delayed the inevitable and dragged the game into the final day, but Karnataka, on the brink of a win needing just three wickets, wrapped the match in 15 overs, bowling the opponents out for 246 in 77.5 overs in their Elite group match of the Cooch Behar Trophy in Balangir on Friday.

Resuming from their overnight score of 211 for the loss of seven, Arpit Mohanty (44) fell in the 73rd over and the final rites did not last long. Rathnam BR cleaned up the tail and also finished with brilliant figures of 6/55 in 23 overs.

Brief scores: Odisha: 170 all out & (O/n: 211/7) 246 all out in 62.5 overs (Abhiroop Das 28, Swagat Sourav Mishra 50, Sambit Beja 38, Arpit Mohanty 44., Sayed Tufayl Ahmad 26; Rathan BR 6-55) vs Karnataka: 469/8 decl in 126.4 overs.

IN BRIEF

Mixed results for DYES

▸ On the seventh leg of the Hockey Karnataka Namdhari Cup, Hockey Ballari held onto a tight 5-3 victory over DYES B, reports DHNS.

Results: Hockey Ballari: 5(SV Sunil 9th 27th, Nagarjun Reddy 13th, Raghunath VR 16th, Pranam Gowda 19th) bt Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports B: 3(Ujwal Appachu 3rd, Prem Kumar SS 21st, 54th); Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports A: 3(Aryan Uthappa MT 37th 53rd, Desh Poovaiah AA 49th) bt Sports Authority of India Training Centre B: 1(Hrithik Aiyappa KD 57th)

Rihan shines at Nationals

▸ Karnataka's Rihan Raju won three medals in the U-10 category of the National Roller Skating Championships in Vishakapatnam, reports DHNS.

The young skater won three gold medals at the State Championships, won silver medals in the rink (one lap) and road (one lap) events and bagged a bronze in the 500m+D event.

Sulayem stays as FIA chief

▸ Mohammed Ben Sulayem was re-elected unopposed on Friday as president of auto racing governing body (FIA), rafter a campaign overshadowed by allegations from his rivals that election rules unfairly kept them off the ballot, reports AP from Paris.

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First Women's ODI: South Africa vs Ireland **(1:30 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

U-19 Asia Cup: Afghanistan vs Bangladesh, Nepal vs Sri Lanka **(both 10:30 am). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network & SonyLIV.**

FOOTBALL

EPL: Chelsea vs Everton, Liverpool vs Brighton **(both 8:30 pm)**, Burnley vs Fulham **(11:00 pm)**, Arsenal vs Wolves **(1:30 am, Sunday). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

La Liga: Atletico Madrid vs Valencia **(6:30 pm)**, Mallorca vs Elche **(8:45 pm)**, Barcelona vs Osasuna **(11:00 pm). LIVE** on **FanCode.**

CRICKET

Gill's T20 form MATTER OF CONCERN

Heavy schedule could be a factor behind his average returns

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

When Shubman Gill nicked one to first slip in the second T20I against South Africa in Mullanpur off his very first ball on Thursday night, it seemed like he was more than just disappointed. And it did not feel new as the Indian T20 vice-captain's form starved for another day.

Devoid of confidence, Gill's numbers in T20Is have been modest: his last 14 innings have yielded 263 runs at an average of 23.90.

Gill was brought back into the T20 setup for the Asia Cup after leading India to a famous 2-2 draw in the five-match Test series against England away from home. However, there have been questions about his utility as an opener, especially given that runs have not come easy. And the growing criticism is valid.

After scoring a 39-ball 58 against Zimbabwe last year, he has now gone without a T20I fifty in his last 17 innings.

Adding to the woes, he has looked unrecognisable from the player who scored runs for fun in the IPL and also made batting pleasing to the eye. The 26-year-old scored 650 runs in 15 IPL matches this season, averaging 50 with a strike rate of 155.88, including six fifties.

While Gill's failures have not been influential to India's results -- having lost just four T20Is in 21 since November 2024 -- it does cause concern ahead of the T20 World Cup, just two months away.

However, the team management seems not too worried and wants Gill to leave the pressure back in the change room, loosen a bit, express himself and relinquish the responsibility.

"He has been caring and maybe a bit too tight. As I said, towards the back end of the Australia tour, the talks were around freeing up, trying to relinquish that responsibility. It was certainly in that capacity where you feel like it is about you need to justify your place in the team," assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate said after the second T20I.

"We don't want him to do that. We want him to play as freely as he does during IPL seasons. We believe in his class and we believe he will come good."

Gill was a ideal fit for the role Virat Kohli played in T20Is. However, under Gautam Gambhir, India have embraced their aggressive philosophy and with batting till No. 8, it leaves no room for an anchor.

While Gill isn't obsessed with going all guns blazing from ball one, even though watching his batting partner Abhishek Sharma in the Powerplay feeds that temptation, he needs to quickly figure out a way that works for him or go back to the one that worked previously.

While the criticism on Gill's T20 form is quite fair, his punishing schedule needs to be considered. Non-stop travel, draining weather conditions, jam-packed fixtures, and jet lag could all be factors affecting his performances.

Since the IPL, Gill toured England for five Tests, featured in the Asia Cup in Dubai, flew to Australia for white-ball cricket, returned to India to play the home Tests against West Indies and South Africa and is currently involved in T20Is. And a slump was bound to come.

While these can't be highlighted as reasons for failure in one format, Gill recently admitted he is still figuring out a way to manage all three formats.

"I would say I am still trying to figure out how to manage all three formats. I am also trying to figure out what gives me the best chance to be able to perform and succeed in all those formats," Gill said before the South Africa Tests.

It is not a panic station yet, but there is evidence for concern. While the issue could be more mental than physical, Gill will continue to face a battle against time and form until the runs follow.

With the T20 World Cup not far away, the Indian team management will be hoping Shubman Gill turns the tables soon. AFP

Record-breaking Suryavanshi slays hapless UAE

DUBAI, PTI

Vaibhav Suryavanshi was at his imperious best while smashing a 171 off 95 balls, powering India to a mammoth 234-run win over hosts UAE in the inaugural match of the U-19 Asia Cup here on Friday.

The 14-year-old from Samastipur, Bihar, unleashed a stunning display of batting, hitting 14 sixes -- the most by any batter in a single innings in the U19 level -- enroute to his breathtaking innings.

Half-centuries from Vihaan Malhotra (69) and Aaron George (69) further bolstered India's charge as they piled up 433 for 6 in 50 overs. The 400-plus total is India's highest-ever in U-19 ODIs and is the highest in the U-19 Asia Cup's history.

In reply, UAE were never in the contest despite fighting fifties from Prithvi Madhu (50) and Uddish Suri (78 not out), as they could only manage 199/7 in their allotted 50 overs.

Suryavanshi's blistering knock, studded with nine boundaries, is now the second-highest score by an Indian in youth ODIs, behind Ambati Rayudu's unbeaten 177 against England in 2002 and the ninth-highest score by a batter in a men's U-19 ODI.

Sent into bat, the young opener looked a class apart as he pummelled the UAE bowlers into submission, racing to his fifty off just 30 balls and bringing up his hundred in only 56 deliveries.

He then shared a 212-run stand with George to completely flatten the hosts' attack. His fiery innings finally came to an end in the 33rd over when he was bowled by spinner Suri. After his dismissal, the middle-order maintained the tempo, with Vedant Trivedi (38), Abhigyan Kundu (32 not out) and Kanishk Chouhan (28) keeping the runs flowing to take India past the coveted 400-run mark.

Faced with a daunting target, UAE lost two wickets inside the first four overs, before the quick dismissals of Muhammad Rayan, Ayaan Misbah and Ahmed Khudadad in the space of nine balls left them tottering at 48 for 5, effectively ending the chase.

Brief scores: India: 433/6 in 50 overs (Vaibhav Suryavanshi 171, Aaron George 69, Vihaan Malhotra 69, Vedant Trivedi 38, Abhigyan Kundu 32 n.o., Kanishk Chouhan 28; Yug Sharma 2-75, Uddish Suri 2-77) bt UAE: 199/7 in 50 overs (Prithvi Madhu 50, Uddish Suri 78 n.o.; Deepesh Devendran 2-21) by 234 runs. **PoM:** Vaibhav Suryavanshi.
India's next match: vs Pakistan (Dec 14).

India's Vaibhav Suryavanshi was at his imperious best, smashing 171 off 95 balls against UAE in the U-19 Asia Cup on Friday. PTI FILE PHOTO

Siraj-led Hyderabad down Mumbai

AMBI (MAHARASHTRA), PTI

The presence of a clutch of India stars failed to inspire Mumbai and Andhra, as they went down to Hyderabad and Madhya Pradesh respectively in their Super League matches of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy here on Friday.

Mumbai had Yashasvi Jaiswal (29), Sarfaraz Khan (5), Ajinkya Rahane (9) and Shardul Thakur (0) in their line-up but folded for 131 as India pacer Mohammad Siraj took three for 17 in 3.5 overs for Hyderabad.

Tanay Thyagarajan took two wickets to support Siraj.

In reply, the promising Aman Rao (52 not out, 29b) and Tanmay Agarwal (75, 40b), helped Hyderabad chase down the target in just 11.5 overs. Hyderabad made 132 for one to register a 9-wicket win and grab four points.

India all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy made 25 and took a hat-trick (3/17 in 3 overs) for Andhra but Madhya Pradesh emerged a four-wicket victor in a low-scoring match. Andhra were all out for 112 in 19.1 overs, and MP reached 113 for six in 17.3 overs, braving Reddy's burst.

The medium pacer bagged the wickets of opener Harsh Gawali, No. 3 Harpreet Singh Bhatia and No. 4 and skipper Rajat Patidar in successive balls in the third over of the innings. MP were 14 for three then but recovered well to grab four full points on offer. On the other hand, Salil Arora made a sparkling 125 for Punjab, but batters fired in unison as Jharkhand scored an impressive six-wicket win.

Arora's knock (45b, 9x4, 11x6), in which the hundred came in 39 balls, helped Punjab post a solid 235 for six in 20 overs after getting reduced to 28 for two. Arora punished Sushant Mishra, clobbering the left-arm pacer for three sixes and a four in the final over of the innings to lift Punjab to an imposing total.

The IPL scouts would certainly have noted this outing of Arora, as it came four days ahead of next week's mini auction, and who has been included in the Rs 30 lakh group.

Mohammed Siraj returned with figures of 3/21 as Hyderabad beat a star-studded Mumbai by nine wickets. AFP FILE PHOTO

Super League brief scores: Mumbai: 131/9 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 29, Hardik Tamore 29, Suryansh Shedge 28; MD Siraj 3-21, CV Milind 2-36, Tanay Thyagarajan 2-27) lt to Hyderabad: 132/1 in 11.5 overs (Aman Rao 52, Tanmay Agarwal 75).
Rajasthan: 132/7 in 20 overs (Shubham Garhwal 33, Mahipal Lomror 37; Anushul Kamboj 2-24, Ishant Bhardwaj 2-24) lt to Haryana: 133/3 in 16.2 overs (Arsh Ranga 27, Ankit Kumar 60, Parth Vats 27).
Andhra: 112 all out in 19.1 overs (KS Bharat 39, Nitish Kumar Reddy 25; Tripuresh Singh 3-31, Shivam Shukla 4-23, Rahul Batham 2-9) lt to Madhya Pradesh 113/6 in 17.3 overs (Rishabh Chouhan 47, Rahul Batham 35; Nitish Kumar Reddy 3-17).
Punjab: 235/6 in 20 overs (Naman Dhir 27, Salil Arora 125; Sushant Mishra 2-47, Bal Krishna 2-66) lt to Jharkand 237/4 in 18.1 overs (Ishan 47, Kumar Kushargra 86, Anukul Roy 37, Pankaj Kumar 39).

Duffy delivers New Zealand a massive win over Windies

WELLINGTON, AFP: Jacob Duffy **(in pic)** took 5-38 as New Zealand cruised to a nine-wicket victory over the West Indies in the second Test in Wellington on Friday for a 1-0 series lead.

Seamer Duffy bagged his second five-wicket haul in only his third Test to help roll the West Indies for 128 after lunch on day three, the hosts needing just 56 for victory.

Devon Conway (28) and Kane Williamson (16) guided New Zealand to an emphatic win just before tea at the Basin Reserve.

Debutant Michael Rae took 3-45 for the home side while Kavem Hodge was the pick of the West Indian batters in their second innings, scoring 35. New Zealand lead the three-Test series 1-0, after the first match in Christchurch ended in a draw.

New Zealand skipper Tom Latham was delighted with how his inexperienced bowling unit took the fight to the visitors. Like Duffy, Zak Foulkes was playing just his third Test match, Blair Tickner his fourth and Rae was on debut.

"I think the way they stood up this week was outstanding," said Latham, whose options were depleted by injury. "We obviously weren't at our best with the bat, but I think the way the bowlers managed to pull ourselves well ahead of the game was great."

Brief scores: West Indies: 205 & (O/n: 32/2): 128 all out in 46.2 overs (Kavem Hodge 35, Justin Greaves 25; Jacob Duffy 5-38, Michael Rae 3-45) lt to New Zealand: 278 all out & 57/1 in 10 overs (Devon Conway 28 n.o.) by 9 wkts.
Series: New Zealand lead 3-match series 1-0.
PoM: Jacob Duffy. **Third Test:** Mount Maunganui (Dec 18-22).

Social Cricketers, Vijaya CC to clash in final

BENGALURU, DHNS: Fifties from Ryan Tomar and Athreya Bhat and an all-round effort from Vyon Naidu powered Social Cricketers to a 74-run victory over Rajajinagar Cricketers, helping them seal their final berth in the KSCA U-14 Inter-Club tournament Group I – I, II and III Division here.

Social Cricketers, riding on contributions from Ryan (84), Athreya (75), Hridaan Sai (29) and Vyom (26), posted 250/8 in 50 overs. Rajajinagar's M Neeraj was the pick of the bowlers, bagging 5/46 to limit the damage.

LOCAL CRICKET

Needing 251 for a place in the final, Rajajinagar were shot out for 176, thanks to an all-round bowling effort that saw Vyom (3/45), Vinjamuri Rushyanth (3/20) and Vastvik Sharma (2/42) sharing eight wickets between them.

Brief scores: Social Cricketers: 250/8 in 50 overs (Athreya Bhat 75, Hridaan Sai 29, Ryan Tomar 84, Vyom Naidu 26; M Neeraj 5-46) bt Rajajinagar Cricketers: 176 all out in 45.5 overs (Aaryan Nagesh 32, Tejas 31, Harsha B 35; Vinjamuri Rushyanth 3/20, Vyom Naidu 3-45, Vastvik Sharma 2-42).
Vijaya Cricket Club: 250/7 in 50 overs (Ahaan Dash 55, Pranav Jadagoudar 56, Ved Nahar 38 n.o., S Rahul Raju 34; Mohammed Yaseen 2-53, Jeet D 2-31) bt Young Lions Club: 115 all out in 35.2 overs [Sachith M Yadav 30, Ahaan Dash 4-52, Aniket Chaturvedi 3-12).

Unnati, Tasnim and Rounak march into semifinals

CUTTACK, PTI: Indian shuttlers Unnati Hooda **(in pic)**, Tasnim Mir, Isharani Baruah, Kiran George and Rounak Chouhan maintained their strong run at the Odisha Masters to secure semifinal spots here on Friday.

In the men's singles, second seed Kiran stayed solid with a commanding 21-11, 21-17 win over Rithvik Sanjeevi in 33 minutes. He will next face Rounak, who shocked seventh seed and compatriot Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian 21-19, 22-20 in a tight 41-minute battle.

Indonesia's Muhamad Yusuf got the better of top seed Tharun Mannepalli 21-9, 22-20 in 49 minutes.

The women's singles quarterfinals also saw shocks, with Tanya Hemanth defeating third seed and World Junior Championships silver medallist Tanvi Sharma 21-18, 21-17 in 39 minutes to reach the semifinals.

She will face fellow Indian Isharani Baruah, who has been in top form this week.

Baruah, who began her campaign with a major upset over second seed Pornpicha Choeikeewong and received a walkover in the next round, extended her fine run by beating sixth seed Anmol Kharb 21-16, 21-14 in 41 minutes.

Top seed Unnati Hooda maintained her dominance with a 21-16, 21-15 win over Anupama Upadhyaya and advanced to the semifinals.

Tasnim Mir also produced a strong performance, easing past seventh seed Tung Ciou-Tong of Chinese Taipei to complete an all-Indian semifinals lineup in women's singles -- assuring India multiple medals.

In women's doubles, Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam delivered a strong performance to outplay Kavipriya Selvam and Simran Singhi.

India slip behind Pak in WTC standings

DUBAI, PTI: India on Friday slipped a rung to sixth position on the World Test Championship standings after New Zealand's comprehensive nine-wicket victory against the West Indies in Wellington propelled them to third place.

Runners-up in the first two WTC cycles, India were placed fifth after they were blanked 2-0 by South Africa at home last month with New Zealand occupying the sixth position. However, the table saw a major turnaround after the Kiwis' big win in the second Test at Basin Reverse on Friday.

Former champions Australia continue to hold the top position with 100 percentage points (win-loss percentage) with South Africa in second place with 75 percentage points. Sri Lanka (66.67) and Pakistan (50) occupy the fourth and fifth position respectively.

Villa juggernaut continues

PARIS, AFP

Aston Villa beat Basel 2-1 in the Europa League on Thursday to secure their eighth successive win, while Nottingham Forest won at Utrecht as Celtic suffered a heavy home defeat by Roma.

Evann Guessand struck the opener for Villa in Switzerland but the hosts hit back when Flavius Daniliuc glanced Xherdan Shaqiri's flighted free-kick past a hesitant Marco Bizot.

Youri Tielemans steered in the winner from just outside the area early in the second half as Unai Emery's side picked up their fifth victory in six league phase games this season. They have won 14 of their last 16 matches in all competitions.

Villa sit on 15 points and are third in the Europa League standings, guaranteed of at least a play-off place. They trail leaders Lyon and Midtjylland only on goal difference.

Forest bolstered their hopes of qualifying directly for the last 16 with a 2-1 win at Utrecht.

Aston Villa's Youri Tielemans celebrates after scoring against Basel during their Europa League game at the St Jakob-Park Stadium on Thursday. AFP

Arnaud Kalimuendo swept Forest shortly after the break in the Netherlands before the Dutch side levelled through a header from Mike van der Hoorn.

Igor Jesus slotted through a crowd two minutes from time to clinch a first away victory in Europe for Forest since 1995, keeping them two points adrift of the top eight.

Wilfried Nancy became the first Celtic boss to lose his first two games as the Scottish champions went down 3-0 to Roma.

An own goal from Liam Scales handed Roma a sixth-minute lead in Glasgow and on-loan striker Evan Ferguson's first-half brace sealed the points for the Italian side.

Rangers were all but knocked out of Europe after sliding to a fifth defeat in six games. They lost 2-1 to Hungarian outfit Ferencvaros, who are coached by former Republic of Ireland striker Robbie Keane.

India women finish 10th

SANTIAGO, PTI: India ended a disappointing 10th in the FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup after being handed a 1-2 defeat by Spain in their final classification match here.

Kanika Siwach (41st) was the sole goal scorer for India, while Natalia Vilanova (16th) and Esther Canales (36th) netted one each for Spain at the Centro Deportivo de Hockey Cesped in the 9th/10th place playoff.

FC Deccan rally to victory

BENGALURU, DHNS: LT Lowly, Mohamed Zain ul Abideen and Aimso Chithung all found the back of the net as FC Deccan scripted a brilliant come-from-behind 3-2 win over Snipers FC in a five-goal thriller in the BDFA A Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Friday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Abhil A Thanan Gattil opened the scoring as early as the fourth minute for Snipers FC. Don Davis, then, doubled their lead in the fifth to give SFC a 2-0 lead.

However, Lowly drew one back in the 43rd minute for Deccan while Zain found the equaliser in the 51st. Chithung score the winner in the 85th minute.

Results: FC Deccan: 3 (LT Lowly 43rd, Mohamed Zain ul Abideen 51st, Aimso Chithung 85th) bt Snipers FC: 2 (Abhil A Thanan Gattil 4th, Don Davis 5th); RWF FC: 3 (Meg shan Soman 8th, Robinson 10th, Rajesh S 75th) bt Roots FS: 2 (Michail Fernandes 19th, Karthi S 27th); Income Tax FC: 2 (Akshay KS 38th, Kumar Jayaram 62nd) bt Jawahar Union FC: 0.

India end South Africa tour unbeaten

STELLENBOSCH (SOUTH AFRICA), PTI: The Indian men's hockey team remained unbeaten on its tour of South Africa, which comprised two Test matches and one friendly here on Friday.

The visitors wrapped up the tour with a commanding 4-1 victory in the friendly on Wednesday, with goals from Sukhjeet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Hardik Singh and Mandeep Singh. India began with a 5-2 win followed by a 2-2 draw.

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Duke Of Tuscany for main event

KOLKATA SELECTIONS

Facile last start winner, Duke Of Tuscany, from the stables of Pesi Shroff, is fancied to win the B M Khaitan Memorial Calcutta Gold Cup, the feature event of the Kolkata races to be run over a mile on Saturday. The first race starts at 12:30 pm.

1. Madras Race Club Cup - 2000M: Sativur 1, Great Guns 2.
2. Hong Kong Jockey Club Cup - 1200M: Argento 1, Cosmology 2.
3. Police Martyrs Cup - 1100M: Most And More 1, Zalia 2, Winsangel 3.
4. Mounted Police Cup - 1200M: Kerry Gold 1, Cash Your Luck 2, Light The World 3.
5. Police Commissioner's Cup - 1400M: Zuri 1, Bharat 2, Divine Art 3.
6. B M Khaitan Memorial Calcutta Gold Cup - 1600M: Duke Of Tuscany 1, Trakila 2, Golden Kingdom 3.
7. Ivanoe Cup - 1200M: Abhicandra 1, Victoria Cross 2, Fresh Hope 3.
8. Avalanche Star Cup - 1100M: Resplendence 1, Desert Charm 2, Mi Arion 3.
Day's best: Most And More.
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **I treble:** 1, 2 & 3. **II treble:** 3, 4 & 5. **III treble:** 6, 7 & 8.

Cold table day for India

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka duo Yogesh Kumar and Keerthana Pandian went out in the round of 32 of the Joy Heyball International Open in Chandigarh late on Thursday night.

While Yogesh lost 2-3 in the shootout to Digvijay Kadian after being level 5-5 in regulation time, Keerthana lost 4-6 to Laxman Rawat.

Meanwhile, world No. 1 Jack Whelan had to play out of his skin to put it past giant-killer Uzair Khan of India 6-5 in the quarterfinals.

The Great Britain cueist, who was trailing the unheralded Bhopal player 2-4 in the 'Race to 9' match, dug deep into his reserves to prevail in the 100-minute match.

Results (Indians unless mentioned): Quarterfinals: Jack Whelan (GBR) bt Uzair Khan 6-5; Mohd El Molla (Egy) bt Kamal Chawla 7-6.
Pre-quarters: Uzair bt Sina Valizdeh (Irn) 6-5; El Molla (Egy) bt Laxman Rawat 9-2; Whelan (GBR) bt Piyush Kushwaha 9-2; Chawla bt Digvijay Kadian 8-3; Gulati bt Jason Theron (RSA) 7-6; S Shrikrishna bt Pramod Kumar 9-4; Arora bt Rafath Habib 9-6; Anderson (RSA) bt Himanshu Jain 8-7.

FOOTBALL

Messi trip peaks fan frenzy

Argentine great to visit India for G.O.A.T tour starting Saturday

KOLKATA, PTI

Artist Swapan Kumar Das draws a portrait of Lionel Messi in Kolkata ahead of his visit on Saturday. PTI

Argentine superstar Lionel Messi's long-awaited return to India, after a magical maiden visit back in 2011, will be high on glitz but low on actual football, promising a spectacle that may not recapture the raw sporting frenzy that once shook the Salt Lake Stadium here.

His artistry in a competitive match will be missing this time. It would be quite unlike 2011 when more than 85,000 fans packed the stadium, some even perched on terrace edges, to watch Argentina edge Venezuela 1-0 in a FIFA friendly.

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner is not scheduled to play serious football on the 'G.O.A.T. India Tour 2025'. It is a fully promotional, and commercially-curated event which will begin on Saturday here and wind up on Monday in New Delhi.

Yet, for a city that once worshipped Maradona, Pele, dazzled Dunga and embraced Ronaldinho, the arrival of Messi even without football is unmissable because Kolkata cannot ignore him.

The organisers have opened 78,000 seats at the Salt Lake Stadium with ticket prices going up to Rs 7,000 for his 45-minute appearance on Saturday morning, raising questions on whether the city will respond with the same unrestrained passion.

Messi will spend less than 72 hours in India but will traverse four metropolis – Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi – in what has increasingly begun to resemble a high-profile roadshow involving chief ministers, corporate heavyweights, Bollywood celebrities and even a scheduled meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Gill to meet Messi

India's Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill, a self-confessed Messi admirer, is also expected to meet him after the Dharamshala T20I on December 14.

Messi's last appearance in India remains etched in memory when on September 3, 2011, he danced past defenders, mesmerised with his left-footed grace and triggered waves of ecstasy in a packed stadium.

Though he didn't score, fans left believing they had witnessed greatness.

The highlight of the tour will be a 45-minute philanthropic fashion event in Mumbai on Sunday, featuring Messi, his long-time strike partner Luis Suarez and Argentina midfielder Rodrigo De Paul.

"There will be celebrity models, cricketers, Bollywood celebrities, millionaires, founders. Tiger and Jackie Shroff, John Abraham among others," said Satadru Dutta, sole promoter of the tour.

Suarez will also feature in a Spanish music show. The organisers have requested Messi to bring "some memorabilia" of his trophy-winning 2022 World Cup campaign which will be auctioned during the Mumbai leg.

The Mumbai event at Wankhede Stadium will be preceded by a Padel Cup at the CCI. Kolkata will welcome Messi on Saturday. He will stay at a five-star hotel on EM Bypass and attend a sponsor-exclusive meet-and-greet in the morning.

Kolkata will also have a new 'Messi landmark' near the Sreebhumi Clock Tower (the Big Ben replica) on the VIP Road with a giant 70-feet statue of the Argentine World Cup winner holding aloft the Trophy.

The inauguration will be a virtual ceremony from his hotel room after police denied permission for a public event. A 25ft x 20ft Messi mural, planned for next year's Durga Puja season, will also be unveiled and later presented to Messi at the Salt Lake Stadium.

After the event, Messi fly to Hyderabad at 2 pm. The Hyderabad leg was added to the itinerary after Messi's proposed friendly in Kochi was cancelled.

Once there, he will attend the GOAT Cup -- a festival backed by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy -- featuring a 7v7 celebrity match, penalty shootouts, a masterclass for young talents and a musical tribute.

Messi will conclude his tour in Delhi, where he will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Rivalries set to resume at K1000

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka 1000 Rally returns with a refreshed route and a renewed title battle in the fourth round of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship (INRC).

The spotlight is firmly on the title fight between TSI Racing's Dean Mascarenhas and KS Gagan Karumbaiah and Arka Motorsports' Karna Kadur and Musa Sherif.

Dean and Gagan hold a narrow seven-point lead and will look to consolidate it, while Karna and Musa aim to close the gap.

The two main stages — Thirtharama (27 km) and Hatiyalu (10.5 km) — will be run thrice on Saturday and twice on Sunday, setting the stage for an intense contest.

Former champions Aditya Thakur–Virender Kashyap and the returning Amittrajit Ghosh–Ashwin Naik add further depth to the field. Strong performances are also expected from Philippos Matthai, Jason Saldanha, and Fabid Ahmer, who currently leads the INRC 2 category, with just three points separating the trio in the overall table.

In the support classes, Shashank Jamwal–Raghuram Saminathan lead INRC 3 with 70 points, followed closely by Abhin Rai–Moideen Jasheer, with Abhin also topping the Junior INRC standings.

Siddharth Santosh leads the Classic Challenge, while Sanjay Agarwal heads the Gypsy class after three rounds. In the Ladies category, Tarushi Vikram of Chikkamagaluru maintains her advantage, chased by Phoebe Nongrum and Athira Murali, as Dr Shivani Pruthvi returns to competition after completing her postgraduate studies.

TSI Racing's Dean Mascarenhas will be hoping to win the Karnataka 1000 Rally of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship.

Vinesh returns to mat with an eye on LA Olympics

ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS

Wrestler Vinesh Phogat took to social media to announce her return to the mat on Friday as she chases an elusive Olympic medal. REUTERS FILE PHOTO

More than a year since Vinesh Phogat turned her back to wrestling — the well-documented saga of her Paris Olympic heartbreak that brought the infamous procedure of 'weight cutting' into the spotlight — the Indian wrestling queen has reignited fire inside her to return to the mat.

In a social media post, the 31-year-old Haryana grappler, who has also become a mother since then, said she is U-turning on her retirement with the dream to claim the glory at the LA Olympics 2028.

"I needed to step away from the mat, from the pressure, from the expectations, even from my own ambitions. For the first time in years, I allowed myself to breathe," Vinesh wrote on her social media accounts.

"I took time to understand the weight of my journey the highs, the heartbreaks, the sacrifices, the versions of me the world never saw. And somewhere in that reflection, I found the truth, I still love this sport. I still want to compete.

"So here I am, stepping back toward LA28 with a heart that's unafraid and a spirit that refuses to bow. And this time, I'm not walking alone my son is joining my team, my biggest motivation, my little cheerleader on this road to the LA Olympics."

While the triple-reigning CWG champion's return is inspiring, naysayers may ask if she still has it in her to go all the way, especially when she will be 34 by the time of Los Angeles Games. Not to forget, the multi-sporting extravaganza has never been kind to her.

From a knee injury at Rio 2016 to quarterfinal exit as World No. 1 at 2020 Tokyo to the controversy of Paris 2024, the Olympics has been a tough pill to swallow for Vinesh. The 2028 challenge is only going to get stiffer, especially if she prefers to compete in her fiercely contested 53kg category.

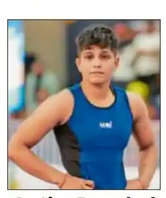
The 2018 Asian Games Champion won't have to go far for her first hurdle, with a much-improved Antim Panghal eager to eclipse her rival. The 21-year-old wrestler, who had an unforgettable Games debut in Paris, is yet to get the better of her senior.

However, with two U-20 World titles followed by her maiden senior Worlds bronze earlier this year, Antim has shown why she is long touted as the next big thing and will keep Vinesh on her toes. More pressure could be on WFI as it would have to ensure a fair contest between the two amid its much-publicised sour relationship with Vinesh.

Panghal wins gold in Sr Nationals

AHMEDABAD, PTI: Two-time world championship medallist Antim Panghal (in pic) won the gold in women's 55kg category as the Senior National Wrestling Championship got underway here on Friday.

Competitions for women's wrestling were held in all 10 weight categories on the opening day of the tournament, as the country's grapplers began their preparations for the 2026 Asian Games and the next Olympic cycle.



Antim Panghal

Besides Olympian Antim, who has switched from 53kg to 55kg, Manisha (57kg) and Nisha Dahiya (68kg) have also claimed gold medals in their respective categories.

Priya Malik settled for the silver medal after losing the final to Haryana's Jyoti Berwal in the 76kg category.

Mansi, the world championship bronze medallist, finished third on the podium in the 62kg competition. In the 53kg event, Rajasthan's Anjali won the gold medal, while Haryana's Rajnita won the top prize in the 59kg competition. Pulkit of Haryana emerged winner in the 65kg while Services Sports Control Board's (SSCB) Diksha claimed gold in the 72kg.

Antim was representing Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB).

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Winter glowathon!

Shilpi Madan has some make-up tips for the winter days

It isn't cool to apply expert make-up on your face and leave the rest of your skin dry and scaly. Shine and sparkle on your night out with these super cool tips.

Clean up: From water-based cleansers in summer, move to hydrating, cream-based or oil-based cleansers during the winter. Bring in botanical extracts and natural ingredients.

Polar play: Roll an ice cube over your face before you dab it dry and begin with your make-up routine. It revs up your blood circulation and lends your face a super shine. For those who can take the dive, dip your face in cold water in the mornings to wake up the sleep skin cells.

Lip care: Dry and chapped lips are a winter occurrence. Apply lip oil to keep them hydrated and bring on the lip balm. Line your lips with your favourite lip colour and fill in gently for a rosy flush throughout the day.

Aroma therapy: Layer up with the same scent in the bodywash, body butter and deo spray. Warm scents like apple and cinnamon linger beautifully. Spray some on your sweater and shawl as well.

Focal points: Remember to apply the body butter on your elbows, heels and toes to nourish and moisturise these often-ignored spots for a dewy finish all over. Focus on the under-eye area too.

Oil up: Use dry luxury oils to lend your skin that super shine. Well-moisturised limbs add to your persona. Glow gold with long-lasting, light-weight hydrators for a natural radiance.

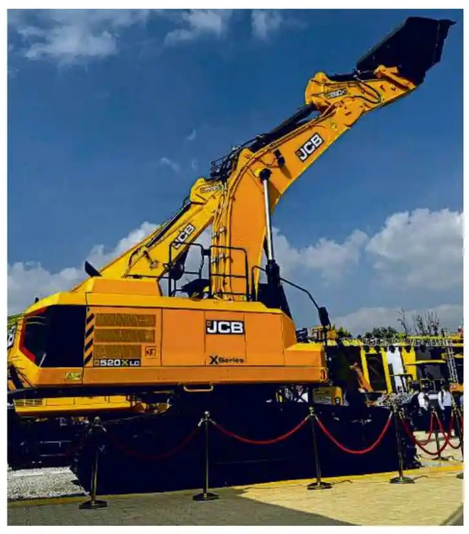
JCB India launches 52-tonne excavator at Excon

JCB India launched a new portfolio of technologically -advanced machines and digital solutions at EXCON 2025, a construction equipment exhibition. JCB India launched over 10 new products marking one of the company's most substantial showcases to date. The new line-up includes the 52-tonne excavator - JCB's largest excavator manufactured in India for both domestic and global export markets, enhanced backhoe loaders, the latest Excavator range (2-5 ton) and several technologically-advanced, industry-first solutions.

Deepak Shetty, CEO and MD, JCB India said, "We believe if it is important for the customer, it is important for us. Entering new segments, improving fuel efficiency and prioritising operator safety are not just design choices - they are at the heart of JCB's engineering DNA."

JCB's product strategy continues to be customer-first - lower cost of ownership, fuel efficiency, improved machine uptime, enhanced safety and ergonomics, maximum productivity at project sites.

JCB also launched a hydrogen-powered genset - a clean energy solution. "The world is embracing hydrogen at an unprecedented speed. JCB is fully prepared to empower our nation's infrastructure growth with technology that is both sustainable and future-ready", said Deepak Shetty.



The JCB 520X LC Excavator marks JCB India's entry into the 50-tonne excavator category

Earlier this year, JCB introduced Daksh, a state-of-the-art backhoe simulator that leverages advanced technology to help operators become fully proficient in machine operations while prioritising safety.

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- Keep a lip balm, lip oil, serum and hand cream accessible, especially if you are on the move through the day
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- Consume collagen supplements regularly
- Mix a dot of baby oil with your moisturiser and apply all over your body after your bath
- Body lotion application after towelling yourself dry works best in terms of absorption
- Replenish moisturiser and sunscreen through the day as the winter deepens

Advanced neurosurgery and DBS are transforming lives at Aster CMI Hospital

While DBS does not cure Parkinson's disease, it makes quality of life better. At Aster CMI Hospital, a team of dedicated specialists, led by Dr Ravi Gopal Varma, Director, Aster Global Institute of Neurosciences, deliver holistic care to help patients lead near-normal lives, writes Prerna Malhotra

At Aster CMI Hospital, neurosurgery is not just about treating the brain - it is about restoring independence, dignity and control to people whose lives have been disrupted by neurological disorders. Leading this mission is Dr Ravi Gopal Varma, Director, Aster Global Institute of Neurosciences and one of India's foremost experts in Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) for Parkinson's disease. With more than 30 years of experience and one of the country's largest series of DBS surgeries, Dr Varma has been instrumental in shaping how India understands and treats movement disorders. He has set up successful DBS programmes across major institutions in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Mumbai, and has trained dozens of neurosurgeons in the field, making advanced neuromodulation accessible to patients who once had no options beyond medication. He has helped establish or strengthen more than 25 DBS centres across India, making him one of the country's most influential voices in shaping movement disorder care.

Parkinson's disease affects movement by disrupting the brain's internal circuitry. Over time, patients experience tremours, stiffness, slowness and difficulty with basic tasks. "Medication works well in the early stages," Dr Varma explains. "But eventually, many patients experience fluctuations, good hours and bad hours, which makes life unpredictable." This is where DBS becomes life-changing.

In DBS, thin electrodes are implanted in precise areas of the brain and connected to a pacemaker-like device placed under the skin of the chest. These electrodes deliver controlled electrical impulses that help regulate abnormal brain signals. "DBS doesn't cure Parkinson's," Dr Varma clarifies. "But it dramatically improves quality of life. Patients regain stable mobility, reduce their dependence on medications and return to activities they had given up."

At Aster CMI, DBS is performed in a highly disciplined, multidisciplinary environment. Neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuropsychologists, movement disorder specialists, anaesthesiologists and rehab teams work in sync to select the right candidates and plan each step with millimetre precision. "Success depends on teamwork," he says. "DBS is not just a surgical act - it is a programme. And Aster CMI Hospital has built that programme with international standards." This hospital is among the very few centres in India to incorporate robotic-assisted DBS. It is the second hospital in the country to adopt this level of precision in functional neurosurgery.

Dr Ravi Gopal Varma

The hospital's advanced neuro-navigation, intra-operative monitoring and post-surgery rehabilitation ecosystem ensure seamless care from evaluation to long-term follow-up. Aster CMI Hospital's team also focuses heavily on patient counselling, helping families understand realistic expectations and post-operative adjustments. "We are essentially modulating the brain's electricity," Dr Varma says. "When done right, the results can feel nothing short of miraculous."

Beyond Parkinson's, DBS is now helping patients with dystonia, essential tremour and certain psychiatric conditions. For India, a country with a rapidly ageing population - this technology represents a profound leap in neuro care.

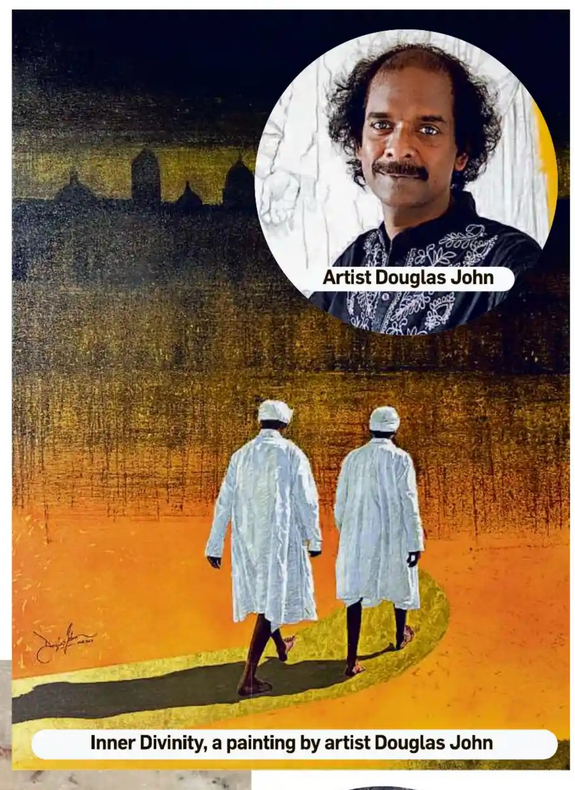
India Art Festival 2025 on in city

Over 3,000 artworks are on display, offering something for both seasoned collector and new art enthusiasts

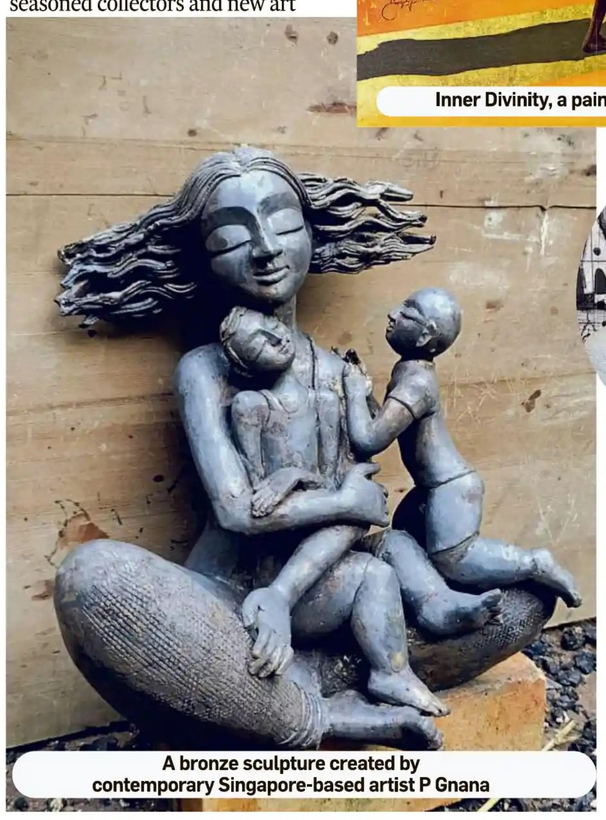
The India Art Festival (IAF) opened yesterday at Bengaluru Palace Grounds, Gate No 5, bringing a wide range of contemporary art to Bengaluru. This year's edition features over 3,000 artworks by 300 artists from India and abroad, showcased across 20 galleries, along with sculptures and installations.

The Artists' Pavilion remains a key attraction, presenting 150 independent artists and 100 gallery-represented creators, offering something for both seasoned collectors and new art enthusiasts. Adding a regional touch, Brush Strokes of Karnataka showcases landscape works that capture the state's natural and cultural heritage beautifully.

The art festival is open today and tomorrow from 11 am to 8 pm. Tickets are priced at Rs 199 and can be booked on BookMyShow or purchased at the venue. Free parking is available for visitors.


Artist Douglas John

Inner Divinity, a painting by artist Douglas John


A bronze sculpture created by contemporary Singapore-based artist P Gnana

Artist P Gnana

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SEVEN TIPS TO GET YOUR ICING RIGHT

1. Warm your mixing bowl a little. Not hot! It helps spread butter and cream more smoothly and eggs incorporate easier, leading to a softer crumb.
2. Let your batter rest for 5-10 minutes before baking. This gives time for the flour to hydrate and the air bubbles to settle.
3. Use the microwave as a mini proofing box. Don't turn it on. Just place a mug of boiling water inside, then set the bowl of cake batter for a few minutes before putting it in the oven to bake.
4. If your icing is too sweet, add sour cream.
5. Always add a pinch of salt to the batter. It adds to the taste and increases flavour depth.
6. Add a spoon of corn syrup to frosting mixture for shiny, smooth frosting.
7. Use ice cubes to stop over-heating your ganache.

Remember to prep your pans well and never over-mix the batter

PRO TIP FOR HOME-BAKERS

Deepa Natarajan Lobo presents three festive cakes for your year-end celebrations

Slice of the season

December is here and with the chill in the air comes the unmistakeable aroma of coffee, chocolate, butter, vanilla and warm spices lingering in every home, a gentle reminder of what is, after all, the most wonderful time of the year.

It is the season of celebrations, parties, twinkling lights, shared tables and at the heart of it all, cake. Rich, layered, moistened – cakes of all shapes and sizes are the stars of every year-end party. Baked with love, frosted and spiced with care and wrapped in ribbons for gifting, these sweet treats are proudly placed as the showstopper on every party table.

Three passionate bakers and pastry chefs share their favourite creations, along with simple, foolproof tips to help home-bakers recreate a little magic of their own.

Eggless Chocolate Truffle Cake

By ANAGHA GUNJAL REDDY, home baker

What you need

For cake:
- One and a half cups of flour
- One cup of granulated sugar
- Half a cup of melted butter
- One-third cup of Dutch-processed dark cocoa
- One teaspoon each of baking soda and Vanilla essence
- Three cups of hot water
- Pinch of salt

For chocolate truffle frosting:
- 500 gm of dark chocolate
- 400 ml of fresh cream

Preparation

Sift all flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt in a bowl. In another bowl, mix all the wet ingredients well – hot water, vanilla essence and melted butter. Fold the flour mixture into the wet ingredients in two parts. Whisk well until smooth.

Pour the batter into an eight-inch pan lined with parchment paper. Bake at 165-degres C for 20–25 minutes. Test with a toothpick until it comes out clean.

For chocolate truffle frosting, chop the chocolate and place it in a bowl. Heat the cream until warm (do not boil) and pour it over the chocolate. Whisk well until smooth, making sure there are no lumps.

Let it set for 4-6 hours or overnight on the kitchen counter. If the weather is warm, refrigerate until you get a spreadable consistency.

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Carrot Cake

By SHREYAS GHARAT, pastry chef

For cake:
- One cup each of dark brown sugar (packed) and desiccated coconut
- Four whole eggs (or five cups, beaten)
- One and three-fourths cup of wholemeal flour
- Four and a quarter teaspoons of baking powder
- One and a half teaspoons each of nutmeg (ground) and cinnamon (ground)
- Three and three-fourths cups of finely-grated carrots
- Three-fourths cup of vegetable oil

For frosting:
- Two tablespoons plus one teaspoon each of butter and cream cheese
- Half cup plus one tablespoon of icing sugar
- A pinch of vanilla essence
- One and a half teaspoons of orange zest

Preparation

For cake, combine the dry ingredients together. Add carrots. Mix eggs and vegetable oil. Mix dry and wet ingredients together until evenly distributed. Pour in a mould. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

For frosting, take butter at room temperature and mix icing sugar in it. Soften cream cheese, add in butter and icing sugar mixture with vanilla essence and orange zest.

Mix until combined and smooth.

Gingerbread Cake

By RADHIKA DIVATE, pastry chef and cake artist

For cake:
- One and a half cups of flour
- One and a half teaspoons of baking powder
- Quarter teaspoon each of baking soda and salt
- One teaspoon each of ginger and cinnamon powders
- Quarter teaspoon of clove powder
- Half a cup each of hot water, sugar and corn syrup
- Six tablespoons of melted butter
- One egg
- One teaspoon of vanilla essence

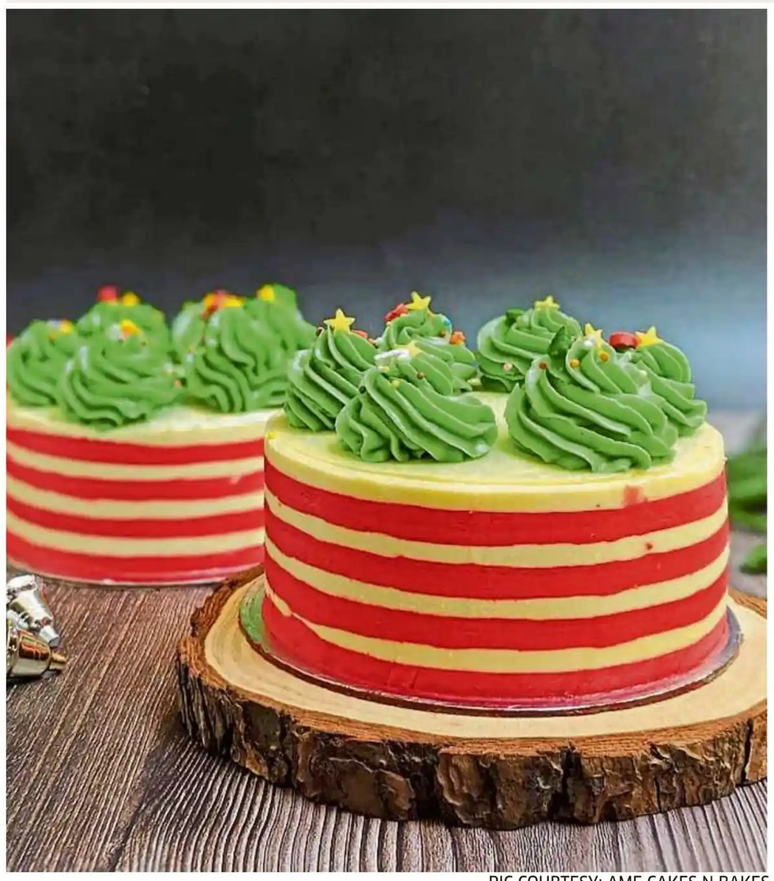
For frosting:
- Half a cup each of butter and cream cheese
- Zest of one lemon
- A pinch of salt
- One cup of sugar
- One teaspoon of red food colouring

Preparation

For cake, combine and sieve all the dry ingredients in a bowl. Mix hot water, corn syrup and sugar in another bowl. To the wet ingredients add melted butter, egg, vanilla essence and mix. Once the wet ingredients are mixed together combine them with the dry ingredients and bake at 180-degrees Celsius for 35-40 minutes. Test consistency with toothpick – it should come out clean.

For frosting, whisk the butter and cream cheese till fluffy, add the sugar, lemon zest and salt, and whisk till fully combined. Divide into two parts and add red colouring to one of them. Mix well.

To create a two-colour frosting effect, first cover the entire cake with white frosting. Use a cake comb to gently remove alternate vertical sections of the frosting. Chill the cake well to set it. Once firm, fill the empty sections with the red frosting and smoothen both frostings together for a clean, two-tone finish.



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LEISURE

Beetle Bailey

I CAN GET A TRUCK OUT TO YOU. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THE ENGINE OVERHEATED. BRING WATER
BRING ICE. SARGE IS OVERHEATED, TOO
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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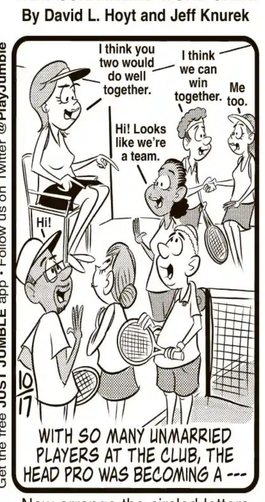
I think you two would do well together.
I think we can win together.
Me too.
Hi! Looks like we're a team.
Hi!
WITH SO MANY UNMARRIED PLAYERS AT THE CLUB, THE HEAD PRO WAS BECOMING A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answer here:

Answers: With so many unmarried players at the club, the head pro was becoming a — MATCHMAKER

HEFTY MACAW SMOKER HARDER

HITORI-125

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SOLUTION for HITORI-125

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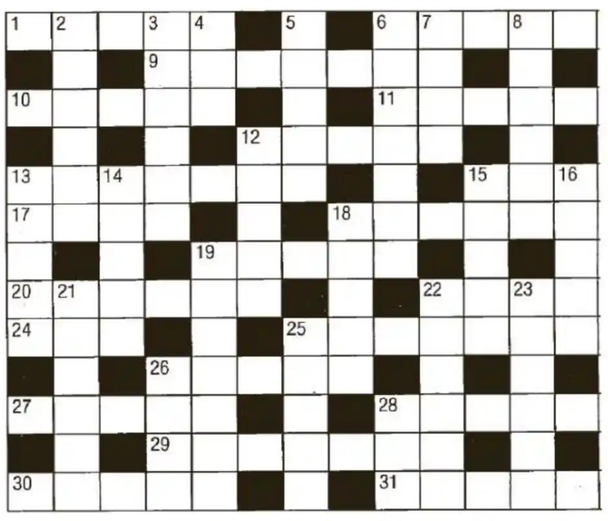
CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 126



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6 Indicate (5)
9 Bring over (7)
10 Love (5)
11 Woollen fabric (5)
12 Spoilt children (5)
13 Bands (7)
15 Domestic fowl (3)
17 Warmth (4)
18 Invent (6)
19 Visits (5)
20 Icy (6)
22 Black-marketeer (4)
24 Number (3)
25 Edible mollusc (7)
26 Ceases (5)
27 Prickly plants (5)
28 Change (5)
29 Prohibition (7)
30 Cheshire town (5)
31 Radiates (5)

DOWN
2 Steady (6)
3 Dexterous (6)
4 Shelter (3)
5 Rows (5)
6 Annoys (7)
7 Minerals (4)
8 Lump (6)
12 Started (5)
13 Move (5)
14 Man-made fibre (5)
15 Marx Brother (5)
16 Courage (5)
18 Card suit (5)
19 French coin (7)
21 Mend (6)
22 Ski race (6)
23 Creepy-crawly (6)
25 Horrify (5)
26 Casserole (4)
28 Eon (3)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Unhappy about a chap not getting a hot meal (5)
6 Many a well-ventilated shop (5)
9 Ragtime jazz from a fictional character (7)
10 In the home, the French make an appeal (5)
11 Briefly, for instance, a sop?(5)
12 Tough material to work in (5)
13 The parson, good fellow, failed to follow suit (7)
15 What a parliamentarian becomes when he goes out East? (3)
17 Work two ways, to be honest (4)
18 Dignified way to get an appointment (6)
19 Being dishonest, they're obviously not on the level (5)
20 Stagger around like old Steptoe? (6)
22 Hurt more than a little (4)
24 Spring in Spain (3)
25 Can they cast with geometric precision? (7)
26 Like strong meat? (5)
27 He's good enough to organise a fair for mid March (5)
28 Musical lines from "14 Down" (5)
29 Eradicate sponging? (4,3)
30 Separate ideas, possibly (5)
31 Are its players often on the green side? (5)

DOWN
2 Unaware that there's a new sale for an old record (6)
3 Female with a very big mouth (6)
4 Parent getting up to a certain duplicity (3)
5 Looked a bit odd about a broken leg (5)
6 Gadgets one frees of faults? (7)
7 Little article on a cat (4)
8 The din at tennis? (6)
12 Exclude from trade barriers (5)
13 Searches under ground? (5)
14 In boxing matches, one may include her! (5)
15 Her mount is out of line (5)
16 Dogs discovered wild by Speke? (5)
18 Look out for a measure that's thorny (5)
19 Dream always in part of a series (7)
21 A prose product of dramatic nature (6)
22 To bolt wildly, being sozzled (6)
23 Go, devious varlet! (6)
25 In search of singular desserts (5)
26 Mistress Overdone, for instance, is wicked out West! (4)
28 Bus coming up from down under (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 126

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, S-Al-ad 6, D-airy 9, Maigret 10, P-le-ad 11, Voice 12, Denim 13, Rev.-OK-ed 15, M-E-P 17, Op.-E-N 18, SE-date 19, Ramps 20, Totter 22, Bit-e 24, Spa 25, Anglers 26, Beefy 27, Friar 28, Stave (Vesta) 29, Wipe out 30, Aside 31, Bowls.
DOWN: 2, Aslee-ep 3, Amazon 4, Dad (rev) 5, O-gle-d 6, De-vices 7, A-tom 8, Racket 12, Debar 13, Roots 14, Vesta 15, Mar-i-e 16, Pekes 18, Sp-in-y 19, R-ever-ie 21, Operas 22, Blotto 23, Travel 25, After(-s) 26, Ba-W-d 28, Sub (rev.).

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Usual 6, Point 9, Deliver 10, Adore 11, Serge 12, Brats 13, Stripes 15, Hen 17, Heat 18, Create 19, Calls 20, Frozen 22, Spiv 24, Ten 25, Abalone 26, Stops 27, Cacti 28, Alter 29, Embargo 30, Crewe 31, Emits.
DOWN: 2, Sedate 3, Adroit 4, Lee 5, Tiers 6, Pesters 7, Ores 8, Nugget 12, Began 13, Shift 14, Rayon 15, Harpo 16, Nerve 18, Clubs 19, Centime 21, Repair 22, Slalom 23, Insect 25, Appal 26, Stew 28, Age.

Wknd. FASHION

Increase consumption of spices such as ginger and turmeric in your daily diet to boost immunity in the winter months

WINTER WISE

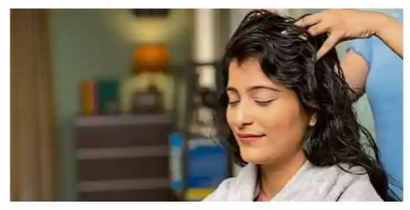
WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

PICK UP A HOBBY

There's nothing as relaxing as a hobby. It takes your mind off all that's stressful and gives you that much-needed break. Check if you have a green hand with some gardening. Music is a good hobby too. Enrol for a short-term course in baking – your near and dear will love it!

PLAN A REST CURE

If you had a hectic year filled with whirlwind business trips, you need a rest cure. Check into a resort and to nothing for a few days. Spend time indoors catching up on sleep and rest. Plan a few spa packages to rejuvenate and give your muscles a break. Relax through your holidays and get ready for the New Year.



Holiday Time

Home sweet home

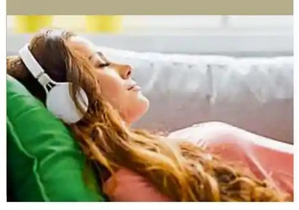
While many plan a trip for a break in the annual year-end vacation, it's also possible to relax right at home to rejuvenate and unwind. A holiday just where you are can be fun too. You can do all that you planned to on weekends and also catch up with friends you never had time for. So, why not plan some me-time at home this year end?

Deck up the decor

What better therapy than some shopping for home? It's a good time to relook at your interior decor and set aside a couple of days to change the knickknack. Give your windows a change with some new drapes and get a new set of throws for the sofa. Changing the look of your home is both relaxing and fun.

MELODY LIST

Create a new playlist. Explore new genres for the mornings and nights. Listen to tracks you once enjoyed to bring back old memories. Music is a great way to relax and unwind. Let soothing tracks wash away all the stress built up over the months. If you ever played an instrument, this is an ideal time to pick it up again.



QUALITY-TIME ZONE

Set up a nook for yourself at home. Make it a cosy corner, preferably near a window with a view. Make it comfortable with plenty of throw cushions and warm upholstery on the seating. Retire to the den daily for some quiet moments with a book or music. Catch up with yourself and discover new interests.

Tickle your tastebuds

You owe yourself a treat after all those months of hard work. Indulge in some exotic food you always wanted to try. Spend a few days exploring the speciality restaurants in the city. Why not plan a barbeque at home and invite a few friends over? Rustle up a variety of short eats that will keep the conversation going.

Model: Amber Dudley

Glamour for the winter nights

It's the party season. **Prasad Bidapa** helps you step out in style

Style File

Holiday style this season is defined by confident silhouettes, luxurious textures and intentional accessorising. With celebrations ranging from intimate gatherings to dazzling New Year's Eve parties, the focus is on looks that balance festive drama with refined elegance.

Crimson command

Start with the 'crimson command', a red one-shoulder gown that sets the tone for holiday glamour. The asymmetric neckline stands strong on its own, so skip the necklace and let the silhouette speak. A high slit draws attention to your footwear, making nude or gold stilettos the ideal choice - nude elongates the frame, while gold enhances the festive mood. Finish the look with long gold chandeliers and a metallic clutch to bring the ensemble together.

Model: Karan Desai
Designer: Donsqra

Snowfall sophistication

Men can embrace winter style with 'snowfall sophistication', a clean white suit that feels both modern and celebratory. Tan suede loafers soften the monochrome palette, while white dress sneakers offer high-fashion edge. A thin gold chain worn discreetly and a tan or brown leather-strap watch add subtle warmth without disrupting the overall minimalism.

Velvet touch

Texture and colour come alive in the 'velvet touch', where a burgundy velvet jacket paired with beige trousers delivers rich seasonal elegance. Dark brown Chelsea boots keep the look grounded, and a silk pocket square with hints of burgundy and gold introduces polished detail. A small gold lapel pin completes the ensemble with understated festivity.

Midnight noir

For a sleek, yet commanding option, 'midnight noir' pairs a black blazer with a mini skirt and knee-high boots - an outfit that blends power and allure. Silver or rhinestone accessories provide striking contrast, while a bold pop-colour bag injects playful energy.

Glam block

End the night on a sparkling note with the 'glam block', a black sequin dress that embodies New Year's excitement. Keep footwear minimal with black patent pumps or silver heels. A crystal tennis necklace and an oversized faux-fur coat add dramatic, luxurious flair perfect for winter celebrations.

Model: Eshane Jayaswal

PHOTOGRAPHER: JITEN AGARWAL
DESIGNER: KAMIL HEWAVITHARANA

Warm clothing needn't be plain. **Shilpi Madan** has a few tips to help you get some style from your woollies

Winter Ready

Pump up your WINTER STYLE

The chill in the air has settled in all around and it's time to rev up the fashion sweepstakes, rather than simply bundling yourself up in woollens. Here are a few fashion savvy inclusions for your winter wardrobe.

Leather pants

They bring a spot of flair and dare to your entire look, especially when paired with matching boots and a jacket. Beat the nip in the air with a decisively snug pair of leather pants. For tall frames, the boot cut works well, and for the petite, the tapered ends.

Cool jacket

Faux fur lapels and sleeve detailing rocks. Make way for a cosy jacket that keeps you feeling warm and toasted. A neutral shade in brown or ecru keeps you sorted for all pairings. A puffer jacket is a smart lifesaver when the temperature dips lower.

Quick tips

- A bucket bag holds everything from gloves to muffler to ear muffs
- Keep a woollen cap or scarf handy to beat the chill in the breeze
- Lip honey works beautifully in plumping up chapped lips

High necks

A polo neck works well in winter. With a spot of clever layering, you can style easy combining it with a jacket, or singlet below for extra warmth. Shop for cloud-dancer whites or raven blacks for a versatile look. This inclusion also adds height to your frame.

Skirt it

A woollen skirt, in tartan or houndstooth knit teams up with high boots with kitten heels and a knit. Solid colours add to your height as do lighter tones. Choose an A-line fit for a comfortable all-day wear and a tapered silhouette for the night out.

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Keep in mind your phone battery drains faster in cold weather

WINTER WISE

WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

SUNSCREEN IS A MUST

Winter is no excuse to stop using sunscreen. If you are going to be outdoors extensively through your vacation carry your sunscreen with you and apply it daily. This is even more so if you are heading to a beach resort or on a trek where you are exposed to sunlight for a long time daily.

PACK SMART

Get a forecast of the temperatures at your destination much in advance and choose your clothing well. It is never a good idea to carry large bags stuffed with heavy woollens and overcoats. Think thermal wear and layering to stay warm. You need to be both warm and comfortable.

Hair colours to try this winter

Deepa Natarajan Lobo gets the trend from a couple of experts to pump your style quotient up this season

Mane Vain

Winter, when the fairy lights glow and parties beckon, is the perfect time to add some personality to your tresses and infuse them with colours that are warmer, richer and filled with life. After all, your hair is an important part of any look, framing your favourite earrings and complementing that velvet dress, whether you're at an office party or tucked around the kitchen table with family.

This season, hair colour is as much about the mood as it is about style. From deep brunettes to luscious cherry colas, hair experts pick out three colours that feel effortless, sophisticated and alive without ever being overdone. So go on, let every strand hold some magic and reflect your personality wherever you go.

Go brunette

A subtle, yet luxurious pick, brunette is sophisticated, multi-tonal and focuses entirely on depth and mirror-like shine. "Weave light mocha and caramel ribbons throughout this multi-dimensional brown and you get a powerful look - perfect for someone seeking sophistication without fuss," explains Srinath Muniraj, a salon director from Bengaluru.

Capturing quiet elegance that glows under soft light, this hair colour complements a wide range of Indian skin tones. "It's ideal for those who want hair that looks effortlessly polished throughout the season," adds Muniraj.

Ribboned highlights

Do you dream of a lighter hair colour but are hesitant to go all out? Then the dimensional ribbon technique works best, according to experts. "We use balayage or foiling techniques to introduce soft, warm highlights like honey or saffron that are strategically placed to frame the face and add natural dimension to dark hair," points out Melvin Peters, a hair expert from Chennai. "It provides a youthful, sun-kissed effect that is low-maintenance and complements warmer skin tones."

Splash of red

For those craving for a rich, bold statement, the wine-infused reds and cherry cola tones continue their reign this winter season, according to experts. Perfect for romantic evenings, festive parties or any occasion where you want to stand out, these reds pair beautifully with jewel-toned outfits, festive make-up and celebratory decor.

"These deep, saturated colours provide vibrancy without the need for excessive lightening, offering an elegant transformation that works brilliantly with dark hair," reveals Muniraj.

Make your hair colour last longer

Turn down the heat: Hot water strips natural oils and opens the hair cuticle, letting colour wash right out. Switch to lukewarm water for washing and a cool rinse for conditioning to seal the shine.

Invest in the right shampoo: Regular shampoos are colour enemies. Switch to a sulphate-free, colour-protecting range.

Heat protection is non-negotiable: If you use styling tools, you must use a heat protectant. Heat damages the hair's internal bonds and fades colour rapidly. A quick spray creates a barrier that saves your shade.

Weekly deep conditioning: Coloured hair is thirsty hair. Once a week, swap your conditioner for a rich mask to replenish moisture and keep your hair soft and reflective.

Pro tip: If you have hard water at home (common in many cities), invest in a shower filter. Hard minerals can build up on the hair, turning your beautiful brunette brassy or dull.

Winter Vacation

Time to plan

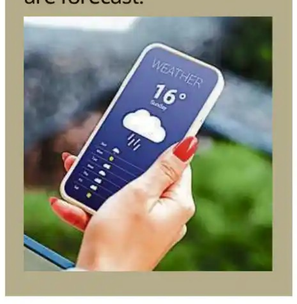
The winter holidays are on us. If you have been thinking of taking a well-deserved break, begin your planning now. While some break off at the year-end others plan a holiday in the beginning of the New Year. Either way, it's time to draw up the itinerary. The earlier you plan the more choices you will have.

BOOK EARLY

Winter destinations start filling up even as the cold season begins to set in. The winter in Bengaluru has well and truly set in. Check availability of accommodation and book soon. It is advisable to do this first and then plan the itinerary around it.

CHECK WEATHER FORECAST

The weather patterns around the country seem to be changing. Check the forecast to ensure you have a pleasant weather through your holiday. Also, if you have decided on the destination, it helps to know what sort of clothes will be most suitable. Rain-proof clothing is strongly recommended if rains are forecast.



Seasonal offers

Holidaymakers can avail attractive packages at some destinations during some seasons. Check if such offers are on at the destination you have chosen. It could be accommodation plus sight-seeing. Some even pack in visits to museums or concerts. These packages will work out more economical than going on your own.

BACK-UP OPTIONS

If you are planning extensive outdoor activities, keep a Plan B too. The weather in winter could turn hostile, preventing some outdoor sports or adventure tourism. You can then switch to some indoor activities rather than waste precious time waiting for the weather to improve.

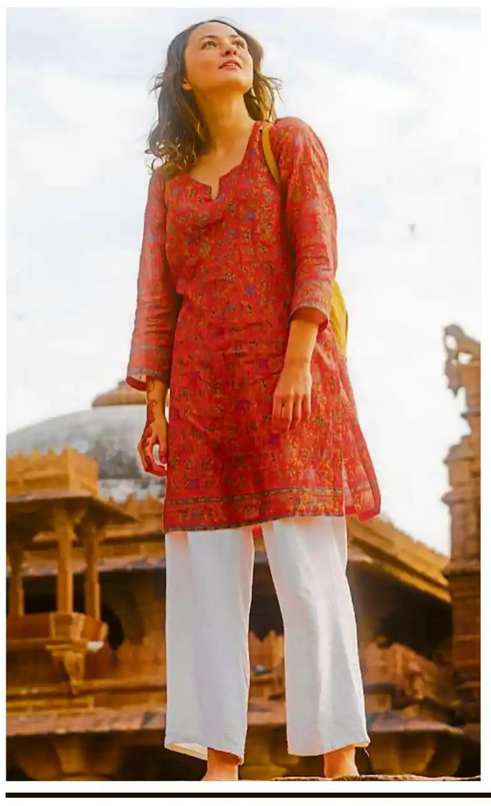
Holidaying in style

Comfort and style can go together in your vacation ensemble. **Jayanthi Madhukar** has some combos that make a style statement

Fashion Notes

Have you been planning your holidays for months – travel, stay, food, sightseeing... there's one more item to think about - your wardrobe. You don't need to go beyond your closet to look stylish this holiday season - a few well-styled pieces can go a long way.

Here's how you make every holiday picture-perfect.



Go ethnic

When your travels take you somewhere steeped in culture and history, comfort need not come at the cost of style. Enter the kurta-palazzo set - an ensemble that will carry you through your day with grace and comfort. The wide-leg palazzo lends fluidity and comfort, while the right kurta brings style.

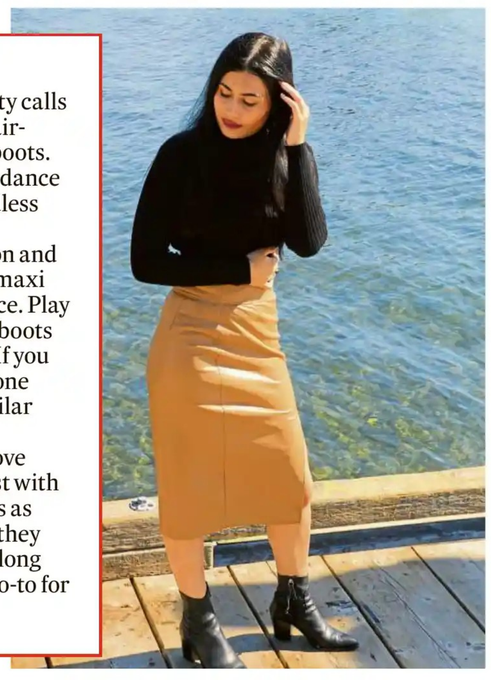
Short kurtas tend to be good for casual outings while mid-length straight-cut kurtas are perfect for daytime exploring, offering ease and movement. For evenings, a long kurta or an Anarkali-style design creates an elegant, elongated silhouette.

A styling trick – the slit of the kurta subtly influences your proportions. Longer slits visually extend the torso, creating the illusion of height - so try this simple tweak for impressive results.

Jeans and sneakers

Few combinations feel as dependable as jeans and sneakers. This classic duo manages to look polished, yet effortless, no matter the destination. The secret for the right pair of jeans lies in fit and proportion. Choose a cut that flatters you rather than one that simply follows the trend. High-rise, straight or cropped, the right silhouette can transform your look. Tuck in your top when wearing wide-leg jeans to define the waist or opt for more loose layers with skinny jeans for an interesting play on proportion.

Colour and wash make a difference as well. Dark denim often spells smart casuals while light-wash jeans signal ease and informality. Pair wide-leg jeans with slightly chunkier sneakers (but avoid overly bulky soles that can weigh the look down), or opt for sleek, low-profile styles with straight or relaxed fits. The pairing of white sneakers and blue jeans remains an eternal favourite because it is casual and stylish.



Skirt and Boots

An evening by the beach or a night out in the city calls for a look that is relaxed, yet refined and few pairings deliver that balance quite like a skirt and boots. From mini to midi to flowing fringe skirts that dance around the ankles, this combination offers endless possibilities.

For shorter skirts, taller boots add proportion and polish, while ankle boots complement midi or maxi lengths, lending a touch of understated elegance. Play with texture to add depth. For instance, suede boots with a denim skirt creates an effortlessly mix. If you want to elongate your silhouette, try tone-on-tone dressing. Matching your boots and skirt in similar shades creates a seamless, lengthened effect.

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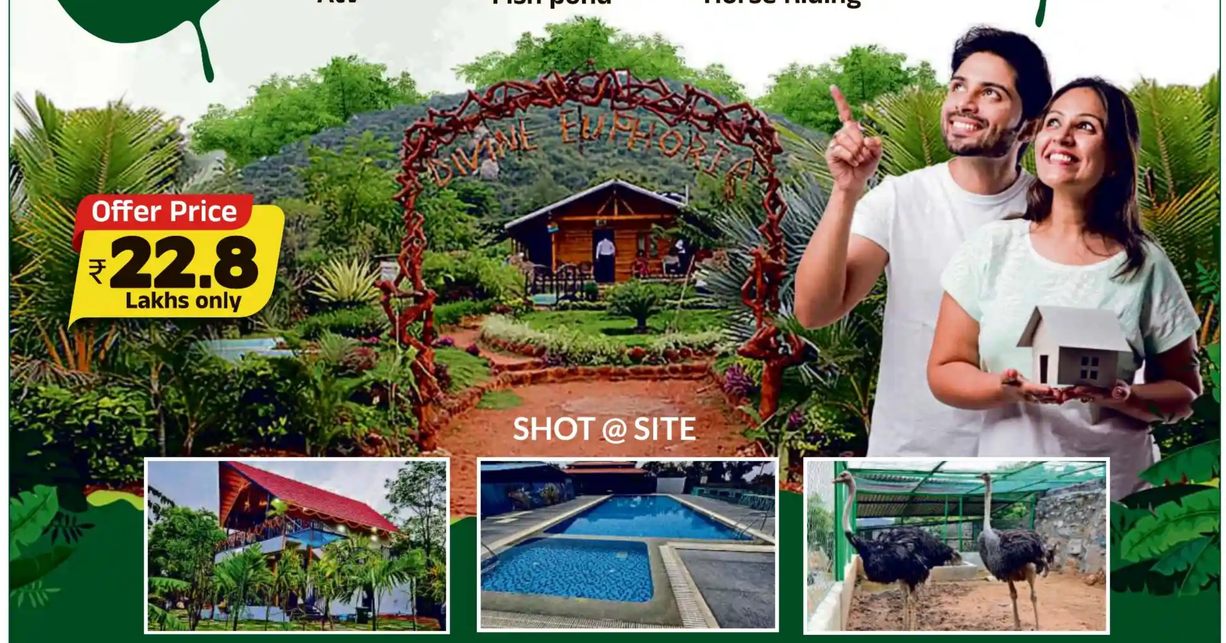

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The Hon 'ble High Court of Karnataka by its order dated 12.09.2024, in RFA.No.2429 /2023, directed the Respondent No. 3, Mr. Mithun B. Sethia, not to induct any third parties without the prior permission of the Hon 'ble High Court of Karnataka.

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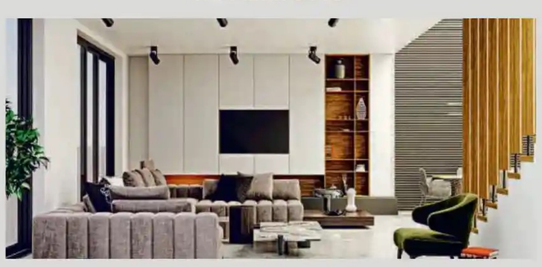

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